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▶ Officers comb the scene of a shooting in Whitehorn on Thursday.

Shooting ends long chase

Suspect charged at member with screwdriver: Police Chief ◐ Tactical team pursued two stolen trucks through numerous communities for two hours

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Investigators combed the scene of the second shooting involving a Calgary police officer in as many months.

The incident took place on Thursday at around 12:45 a.m. in the northeast community of Whitehorn. Police Chief Rick Hanson said a long chase involving two stolen trucks and three suspects ended with one person charging a lone officer with a weapon — later determined to be a screwdriver.

"He knew it was an edged weapon. Probably thought it was knife, but he knew it was a weapon," Hanson said. "Based on not only what the suspect was saying, the threats he was making, but his aggressive stance, he's clearly communicating an intention to attack the officer. The officer did what was appropriate."

The shooting took place in a dark backyard of a home on Whiteview Road N.E. Much of the area was cordoned off on Thursday as investigators continued to pore over the scene.

Alex Lima, who has lived in the area for two years, said the incident was surprising.

"All the neighbours here are really nice," he said. "I have never had problems."

Hanson said tactical teams pursued two stolen trucks travelling through numerous northeast and northwest communities.

At one point, one of the vehicles proceeded on the wrong side of 16th Avenue N.W. toward University Drive.

Police shooting

- The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team is investigating, which is standard procedure for any officer-involved shooting.
- During the chase, officers were able to stall one of the stolen trucks using a spike belt. Two suspects were taken into custody.
- Police also shot and killed a man they said was brandishing a knife in the 200 block of Erin Meadows Close S.E. in mid-June.

Drowning victim's body likely found

RCMP divers have recovered a body believed to be that of Richis Bondo Katumbay.

The 33-year-old Calgary father of seven slipped off a tube last weekend on Chestermere Lake and likely drowned.

Friends of Katumbay's continued to visit the lake throughout the week in hopes of finding closure.

Muddy waters, thick weeds and logistical issues with finding available dive teams all hampered recovery efforts throughout the week.

The medical examiner's office will now investigate the body in hopes of confirming its identity.

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One dead in collision

The driver of an oil tanker was killed Wednesday following a collision with a truck near Sylvan Lake.

The victim, a man in his early 50s, reportedly swerved across the road and collided with a large truck towing a compressor that was parked on the shoulder of the road.

The two people inside the truck were not injured. The man's name has not been released and an autopsy is scheduled for Friday in Calgary.

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▶ Metro reporter Shelley Williamson tests her level of impairment the morning after drinking nine beers.

Methodology

- Each Metro staff member ate a meal before consuming alcohol but not during the experiment.
- Only beer with standard alcohol content and some water was consumed. Const. Rob Haffner of Calgary Police Service said combining hard liquor would have pushed blood-alcohol readings considerably higher.
- The two breathalyzer tests of each Metro staffer were conducted 10 minutes apart roughly 30 minutes after waking up. These test results are meant as examples only.

James Paton, 25
Height: 187 centimetres
Weight: 80 kilograms
Beers consumed: 7
Sleep: 4 hours
First reading: 45 milligrams
Second reading: 36 milligrams

Katie Turner, 22
Height: 169 centimetres
Weight: 61 kilograms
Beers consumed: 7
Sleep: 4 hours
First reading: 51 milligrams
Second reading: 58 milligrams

Shelley Williamson, 40
Height: 157 centimetres
Weight: 57 kilograms
Beers consumed: 9
Sleep: 3.5 hours
First reading: 105 milligrams
Second reading: 80 milligrams

Jeremy Nolais, 23
Height: 183 centimetres
Weight: 95 kilograms
Beers consumed: 9
Sleep: 3.5 hours
First reading: 83 milligrams
Second reading: 105 milligrams

Morning intoxication is 'a real problem'

Police say enforcement can be problem due to rush-hour traffic
Summer has most violators due to warm weather, longer days

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Commuters who climb behind the wheel after a long night at the watering hole are often contending with more than just a hangover.

In fact, sometimes they aren't even hungover yet.

"First of all, you have the alcohol that's affecting your reaction time, but you also have to add in the lack of sleep," says Const. Rob Haffner of the Calgary Police Service alcohol education unit. "You can still very well be impaired."

To put Haffner's concerns to the test, four Metro reporters signed on to mimic the practices of a so-called "mid-week bender."

Each participant consumed as many cans of beer as they could over a five-hour period, then caught a couple of quick hours of shut-eye. In the morning, Haffner met the group at the police's traffic section headquarters to test their level of impairment.

Two staff members blew over the legal blood-alcohol limit of 80 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood and would have faced serious penalty under the Criminal Code of Canada. The other two participants also displayed numerous signs of impairment, including bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and reduced vision.

Video

To watch a video of Metro's morning-intoxication experiment, go to metronews.ca/calgary.

Haffner said he would have issued suspensions of one degree or another to each would-be driver.

"The best rule is that if you still feel the effects of the night before, don't drive," he said.

Calgary police do not track morning-impairment statistics. However, Haffner said it is something that's being considered to get the message across to people.

The police aren't the only ones concerned.

"It's a real problem," said Denise Dubyk, president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada.

"It's not something people necessarily think about but it definitely happens."

$1,200 A first-time impaired driving offence can carry a fine up to $1,200 and a year-long licence suspension.

90 In 2010, 90 Alberta drivers involved in fatal collisions had been drinking, according to Alberta Transportation.

160 Const. Rob Haffner of Calgary police said he once stopped a driver in the morning who blew a reading of 160 milligrams — double the legal limit.

4 Haffner estimated each Metro staffer would need at least four more hours of sleep before getting behind the wheel.

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▶ Kim Wirth of the Boys and Girls Club of Calgary is excited to help launch the City-wide Plan to End Youth Homelessness.

Fighting against homelessness

- Initiative believed to be the first of its kind in Canada
- Strategy to target aboriginal homelessness as well

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Enhancing co-ordination among support agencies, adding more affordable housing and continuing research.

Those are the three main objectives of Calgary's new City-wide Plan to End Youth Homelessness, unveiled Friday.

Designed to work in conjunction with the city's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, which was launched in 2008, the plan aims to reduce youth stays in emergency shelters to less than seven days by January 2018.

2,000

It is believed as many as 2,000 individuals under the age of 25 do not presently have permanent residency in Calgary.

Andrea Ranson of the Calgary Homeless Foundation pointed to support from 20 organizations as having a major role in getting the plan off the ground.

"You can't end youth homelessness unless the whole community is behind it," she said.

The Boys and Girls Club of Calgary is one partner to sign on.

"I think one of the things we realized is the youth are a unique population," said Kim Wirth, manager of the club's youth housing.

"They're coming out of families and they're not as prepared as their adult counterparts who are homeless."

For more information on the plan, visit calgary-homeless.com.

52 Street closure a nuisance for business

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With part of 52 Street S.E. closing for a year due to construction, businesses in the area agree that the project is needed, but not all of them are thrilled about it.

"It would have been nice if this was done 10 years ago," said Tiger Courier manager Sean Short. "It's needed, so we've got to put up with it."

"It's long overdue," agreed Dale Mazurkewich of Western Sales Ltd.

Dan Klufas, president of Federal Metals, says his business will be negatively affected for the year but in the long run the construction will have a positive impact on the company.

The City of Calgary notified the companies almost a year ago about their plans to close 52 Street, giving companies plenty of time to make the necessary changes to continue running during the road closure.

YASMIN JASWAL/FOR METRO

▶52 Street S.E. will be closed for construction.

A back road has been built to allow customers access to the businesses. This road also allows the businesses affected by the road closure to remain open.

Some companies are planning on setting up signage that will direct customers to them during the construction period.

Date of closure

1. The road closure will begin on August 13 and will last for at least one year, depending on the weather.
2. The road closure will start at 52 Street and 94 Avenue S.E. and continue until 52 Street and 106 Avenue S.E. This area will be widened.
3. The city plans on adding two new bridges over the CP rail tracks and the Western Headworks Canal.
4. A new storm-water-management system as well as relocation of pipelines, power distribution and transmission lines are also part of the construction plans.

City plans new park

The city will unveil plans for a new centre city park near the Louise Bridge on Tuesday. After consultation with area stakeholders, a final design has been created for the 50-foot-by-100-foot lot.

According to a release, a drop-in information session for the new park will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Avatamsaka Monastery.

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Chinatown park to get facelift

Feedback is being sought from the public on ways to improve Sien Lok Park.

This Saturday at the Chinatown Street Festival between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Calgarians can provide feedback on a preliminary design. Sien Lok Park is the only major public park in Chinatown.

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Bikers with a message

A group of four motorcyclists from Vancouver and Phoenix are trying to raise awareness for cancer prevention by riding for 65 days across 48 out of 50 states and all 10 provinces.

The team will be in Calgary on Thursday and Friday before wrapping up the tour in Vancouver on Saturday.

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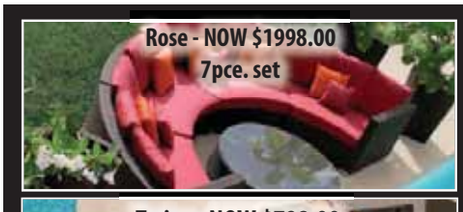

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▶ Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne, centre, with Calgary couple Graham and Robyn Mackenzie.

Flaming Lips lock on wedding

Local couple say 'I do' in front of 20,000 at Montreal festival
Experimental rock band a longtime favourite of newlyweds

They just returned from their honeymoon, but it's the wedding that has everyone talking.

Calgary couple Robyn and Graham Mackenzie appealed to longtime rockers The Flaming Lips to take part in their nuptials, and front man Wayne Coyne agreed.

Dressed as Dorothy and the Cowardly Lion from The Wizard of Oz, the couple participated in an unofficial ceremony in front of a 20,000-strong crowd at the Osheaga Music and Arts Festival in Montreal last month.

An officiant met up with them afterward to make the wedding official.

"I'm not really a big fan of ceremonies ... so this worked out great," Graham said.

JEREMY NOLAIS

Woman's death spurs investigation of RCMP

The RCMP watchdog is not waiting for a complaint to start reviewing the actions of officers following the death of a woman in custody in a northern Alberta detachment.

Ian McPail, the interim chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP, has initiated the review on his own.

Commission spokesman Jamie Robertson said Thursday the fact that the woman died in a police holding cell is enough to warrant the independent investigation.

"We weren't just going to wait for a complaint. We made the call that this was a prudent thing to do."

28 The age of Charlene Danais, the woman who died in police custody.

Robertson added Charlene Danais is the first person to die in custody since June, when the commission released its scathing report into case of Raymond Silverfox of Whitehorse.

Silverfox, arrested for drunkenness, repeatedly vomited and soiled himself during his 13-hour stint in an RCMP cell. A coroner determined he died of natural causes — one factor being an acute infection as a result of breathing his own vomit.

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News in brief

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▶ C-Train

Library design must include tunnel: Reports

BRANCH. Calgary's new central library won't just be close to the C-Train; it will practically be built right over it.

According to reports, the new branch will have to figure in a tunnel leading C-Train travellers from the city hall area to the Stampede grounds.

Officials involved with construction of the new library reportedly enlisted a local architectural firm to draft plans on a design that would work so close to the train tracks. METRO

Police probe failed abduction

RED DEER. RCMP are scouring Red Deer after someone allegedly attempted to abduct a girl under the age of 10 Thursday.

The suspect is described as having a thin build and hazel eyes. He was wearing a black shirt and dark-blue jeans at the time. METRO

Clinics can ease backlog: Study

HEALTH. A study by the University of Alberta suggests after-hours medical clinics can reduce demands on stressed hospital emergency wards — if the clinics have enough room.

Researchers concluded that visits to the emergency ward of a hospital in Leduc dropped 40 per cent after the clinic opened. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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News in brief

Police seek help in unsolved murder

TEENAGE VICTIM. Police have asked for help from the public in relation to the unsolved murder of a 17-year-old boy whose body was found on the side of Highway 2A last year near Red Deer.

Logan Jesse Raymond died due to a severe head injury that somehow involved a vehicle.

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Illness delays journalist's move home

RADIO PERSONALITY. CBC Radio One's Ottawa Morning host Kathleen Petty has had to postpone her return home to Calgary as host of CBC Radio One's Calgary Eyeopener due to a health issue.

Petty hosts her last show in Ottawa on Friday. She was with the program for five years before announcing her move this May.

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New home prices drop in Calgary

MONTHLY FIGURES. According to Statistics Canada, Calgary's new home prices had the largest monthly decline in the country during the month of June.

Prices were 0.3 per cent lower than in May 2011 and June 2010.

New home prices for Canada were up by 0.3 per cent from May and by 2.1 per cent from June 2010.

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COWTOWN TOO CALM FOR RIOTS, DESPITE CURRENT FAD

IN DEFENCE OF ...

MIKE MORRISON
METRO CALGARY

Over the years, we've all lived through any number of fads. Whether it was the Cabbage Patch dolls, slap bracelets, eating breakfast at Nellie's or The Moffatts. Sadly, one of the hottest trends in the world right now seems to be rioting.

The Vancouver riots started off scary and then quickly turned silly. At the time of writing this column, the London riots were dangerous and incredibly sad. It's during times like these that I find myself reflecting on how lucky we are to live in peaceful city like Calgary. But at the same time, I can't help but wonder what would it take to start a riot in the house of Nenshi?

For Vancouverites, all it took was losing the Stanley Cup final, and yet, when the same thing happened to Flames fans a few years back, there wasn't so much anger as much as there were girls flashing strangers on 17th Avenue. A lot of strangers. Which, if you think about it, is a pretty cool way to protest a hockey game.

So what would it take?

First, I don't think this city actually has what it takes to get angry enough to start rioting. Whether it's because we are simply too nice or that we're too passive is still up for debate. I honestly think it would simply take us way too long to get our act together. Calgary is so big that by the time you drove to the Deerfoot or waited for public transportation, the demonstrations would likely already be over or taking a break at the Ship and Anchor. (After all, what argument can't be settled over a Ship burger?)

Politics seem to be behind most riots, so I guess if we ever did vote for something other than a Conservative majority government, maybe some people in this city would be upset. But I think the riot would quickly lose steam after its organizer, Jason Kenney, decided to not show up.

I think what's really working against any group interested in "rising up," more than anything else, is Calgary's infamous and unpredictable weather. Even the most ideal rioting conditions would be dampened 20 minutes later by hail, rail, snow and lots of wind. Our erratic weather is like a natural pepper spray.

I guess I'm pretty happy that I can't think of anything that would make this city angry enough to start a riot. In this day and age, that seems like a pretty great problem to have.

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Chris Gheran, last year's winner, used the money to upgrade his equipment. He has also been featured in high-profile shows such as opening for The Fray and performing at New Music West in Edmonton.

"It put me on people's radar.... It definitely helps on the resumé, for sure."
CHRIS GHERAN, LAST YEAR'S WINNER

"It put me on people's radar," said Gheran. "It definitely helps on the resumé, for sure."

The winner is decided by voting, which starts on Friday at noon. Videos of the five contestants can be found at jackfm.ca/busker.

The winner will be announced on Friday, Aug. 19.

YASMIN JASWAL

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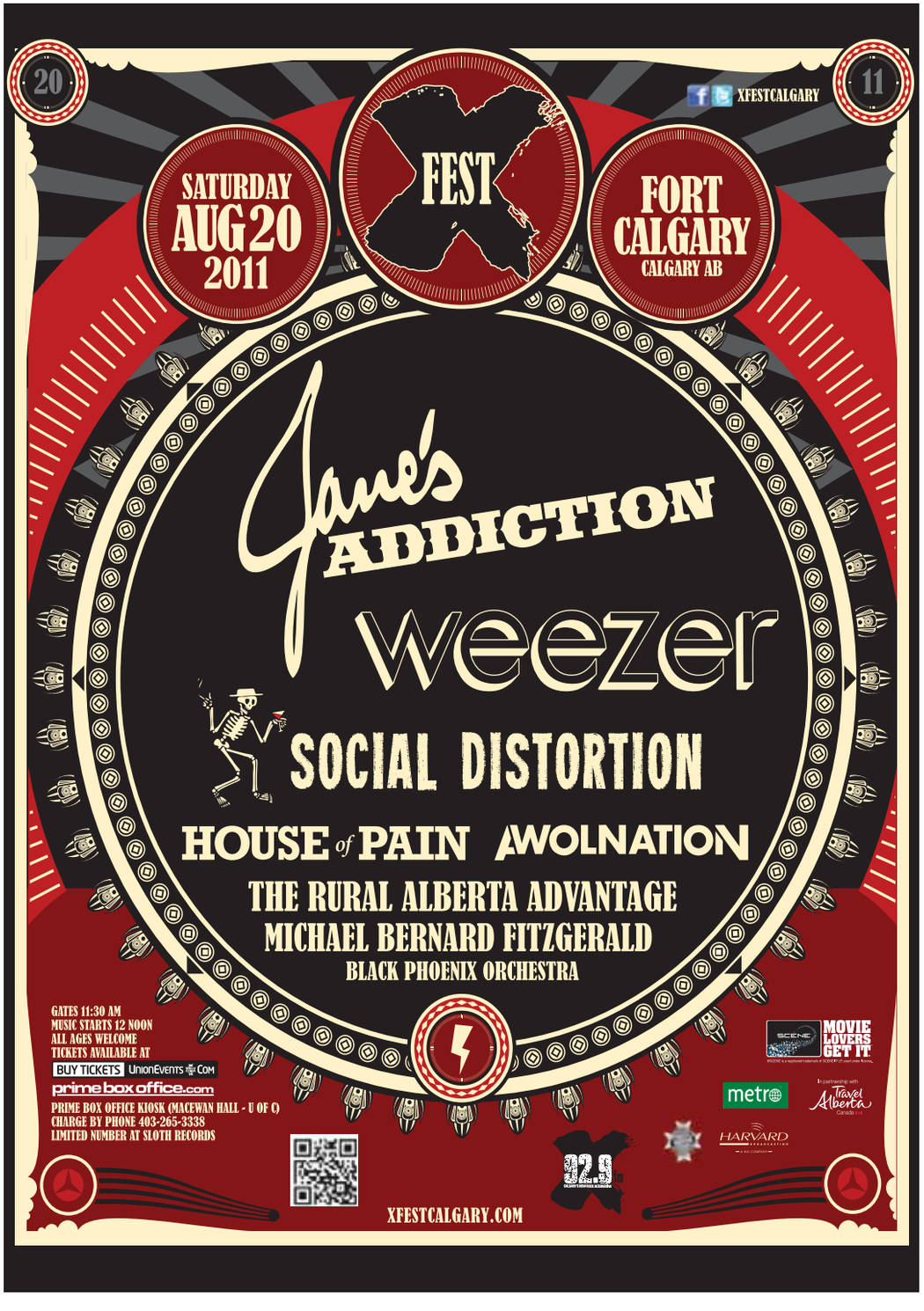
▶ Robbie Aylesworth plays at a Starbucks Wednesday as part of Jack FM's Busker Idol competition.



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▶ Austin Ring shows off one of the tasty treats sold at the Fiasco Gelato Food Truck.

Food trucks feed Stephen Avenue

8 There were eight food trucks participating in this year's Food Truck Festival, including Alley Burger, Perogy Boyz and Fiasco Gelato.

Stephen Avenue was filled with crowds of people enjoying burgers, gelato and fries on Thursday during Calgary's first-ever Food Truck Festival.

"It's about the culture that's being introduced to Calgary that didn't exist before," said John Jackson, co-owner of the Alley Burger Food Truck.

The festival was organized with help from the City of Calgary, Tourism Calgary, the Downtown Calgary Association and YYC Food Trucks, and took a year to put together.

Calgarians seemed to appreciate the hard work.

"I'm so excited," said food blogger Stephanie Eddvy. "I'll definitely visit more often." YASMIN JASWAL

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Laid off ... and the living is easy

Eighteen co-workers clean up with a $7-million Lotto 6-49 win

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METRO CANADA IN OTTAWA

First, 18 SMART Technologies employees in Ottawa got the bad news: They were being laid off.

Then came the good news.

They're heading to Toronto Friday to collect a multi-million-dollar lottery jackpot.

Colin Willard and his co-workers at the Kanata-based firm were told about the layoffs on Tuesday.

The next day, Willard bought a Quick Pick Lotto 6-49 ticket with 17 co-workers.

At 6:30 Thursday morning, Willard checked the numbers — and started shaking.

"My wife was wondering where we're going from here and now we don't have to worry about it."
COLIN WILLARD

"I couldn't stop shaking," he said. "I didn't believe it and I asked somebody to come over and see if I was reading them right."

The grand-total payout is $7,077,095.80.

After doing their happy dance, the group arranged to divide the jackpot, giving each winner about $390,000.

Willard said he plans to pay off his mortgage and other bills, and eventually replace his truck with a new car.

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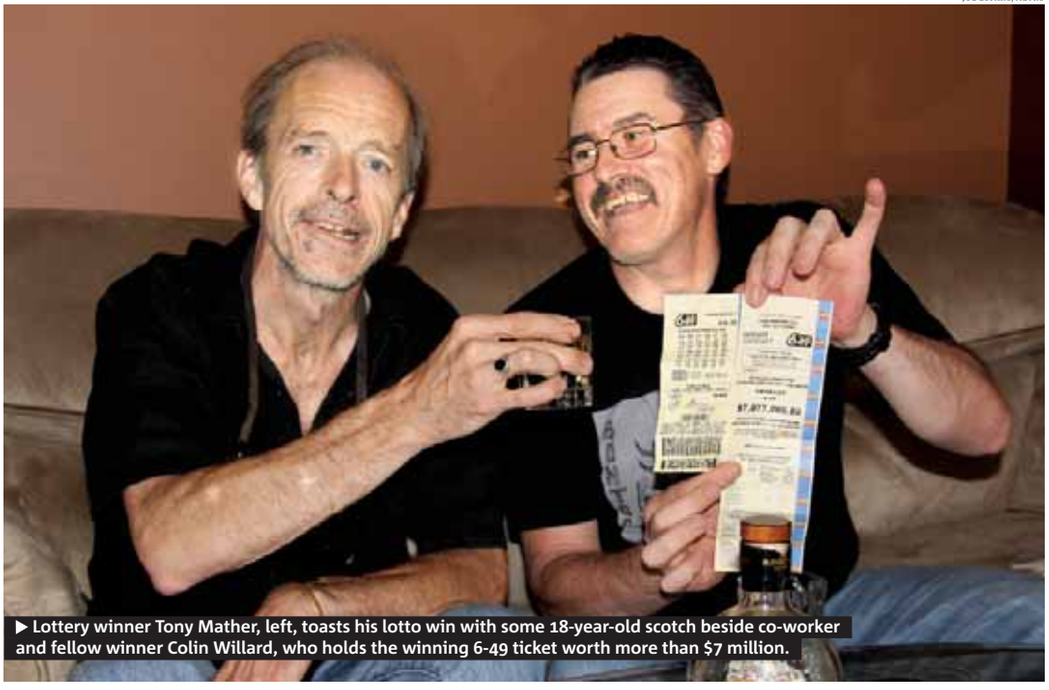

▶ Lottery winner Tony Mather, left, toasts his lotto win with some 18-year-old scotch beside co-worker and fellow winner Colin Willard, who holds the winning 6-49 ticket worth more than $7 million.

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Famine forces tortured choice

Somali parents fleeing drought must choose which child lives More than 12 million people in need of food

Wardo Mohamud Yusuf walked for two weeks with her one-year-old daughter on her back and her four-year-old son at her side to flee Somalia's drought and famine. When the boy collapsed near the end of the journey, she poured some of the little water she had on his head to cool him, but he was unconscious and could not drink.

She asked other families travelling with them for help, but none stopped, fearful for their own survival.

Then the 29-year-old mother had to make a choice that no parent should have to make.

"Now I'm reliving the pain of abandoning my child. I wake up at night to think about him. I feel terrified whenever I see a son of his age."
WARDO MOHAMUD YUSUF ON THE FOUR-YEAR-OLD SHE LEFT BEHIND

"Finally, I decided to leave him behind to his God on the road," Yusuf said days later in an interview at a teeming refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya. "I am sure that he was alive, and that is my heartbreak."

Parents fleeing the devastating famine on foot — sometimes with as many as seven children in tow — are having to make unimaginably cruel choices: Which children have the best chance to survive when food and water run low? Who should be left behind?

The United States estimates that more than 29,000 Somali children under age five have died in the famine in the last three months. An unknown number too weak to walk farther have been abandoned on the sandy trek to help after food and water supplies ran out.

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▶ In this picture taken on Wednesday, Salat, 5, looks for her parents near the IFO camp, north of Dadaab, Eastern Kenya, 100 kilometres from the Somali border. She was later picked up by her uncle, who said he would reunite Salat with her parents.

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Sex attacks reported against Somali women

A UN envoy is expressing concern about reports of sexual attacks against Somali women fleeing famine.

Margot Wallstrom, the secretary-general's special representative on sexual violence in conflict, said in a statement Thursday that women and girls "are subjected to attacks, including rape, by armed militants and bandits" on the journey to the Kenya border.

Once in Kenya or at the Dadaab refugee camp, she said, "their hopes of finding a safe haven are often overshadowed by new dangers and hardships, including the risk of rape."

Wallstrom said her office also has received "alarming information about alleged rapes" by government-allied militias in south-central Somalia and of al-Shabab Islamist militants abducting girls for forced marriage to fighters.

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▶ Somalis from southern Somalia make their way to the refugee camp in Mogadishu on Thursday.

EAST AFRICAN FAMINE

U.S. gives $17M more in food aid

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says the severe drought threatening more than 12 million Africans with starvation shows the need to invest in global agriculture and nutrition.

Speaking to the International Food Policy Research Institute, Clinton said the U.S. is providing another $17 million in food aid to the Horn of Africa. That brings total U.S. assistance to the region to more than $580 million.

"Time is not on our side. Every minute more people — mostly women and mostly children — are dying," said Clinton. "Investing now decreases the chances that Americans or others will be called upon in the future to face these same challenges in 10 or 20 years."

The UN says the crisis has not peaked. The drought has been exacerbated by the Islamic militant group al-Shabab, which refuses to allow many aid groups into areas of Somalia it controls. Thousands of children have died.

Clinton said the famine must prompt long-term thinking to help avert future food crises. She spoke of boosting agriculture, nourishment levels and food distribution networks.

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Words of South African kids may have stopped pedophile

The words of little children from an isolated town in rural South Africa may have stopped an international sex predator.

U.S. investigators say Jesse Osmun confessed that as a Peace Corps volunteer, he for months sexually molested at least five girls at a South African shelter for AIDS orphans and other children. None of the girls were older than six.

In a Twitter account and blogs, Osmun portrayed himself as a champion of Africa and wrote about working with children.

His do-gooder identity may have helped cover a darker side. Then the little girls spoke.

"They were frightened. They were brave to tell. They did something very important," said Samkele Mhlongo, a Greytown police translator who helped an American investigator interview two of the victims from the Umvoti AIDS Centre where Osmun volunteered.

Mhlongo said the children, shown pictures of Osmun, said they described being instructed by him to perform oral sex, and afterward being given candy.

On Aug. 4, U.S. investigators said, they confronted Osmun in Connecticut and obtained his written confession.

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Israel prepares for Palestinian rallies

Israeli security forces are importing horses, water cannons, tear-gas launchers and a nauseating noise machine to control crowds if they become violent at Palestinian protests planned next month to support their bid for UN endorsement of statehood.

Israel is hoping the measures will avoid casualties among demonstrators.

Palestinian authorities have made plans that aim to keep the protests peaceful and avoid confrontations with Israelis. Israel fears that a single incident — a Palestinian killing an Israeli with a firebomb or gunshot, or an Israeli soldier killing a Palestinian during a riot — could trigger a flood of violence when large crowds are already out protesting.

Palestinians are planning mass demonstrations across the West Bank and abroad to coincide with the September UN General Assembly session, which the Palestinians hope will give official endorsement for their state. The statehood initiative reflects the frustration with long-stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.

"The police hope to avoid casualties in the event of (UN endorsement of) Palestinian independence," Nissim Mor, commander of the police operations branch, wrote in an internal police newsletter.

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India. Crisis

▶ Bharatiya Janata Party Leader Navjot Sidhu shows fake currency notes as he raises slogans along with party activists at a protest against corruption in New Delhi on Thursday.

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Corruption grips India

Screaming matches over corruption have again paralyzed India's parliament, stalling crucial work on its malnutrition crisis and land reforms and deepening concerns over whether anyone is running the world's largest democracy.

Syrian troops kill 11 near Lebanese border

The Syrian army shot dead 11 people in a western town near the Lebanese border on Thursday and stormed a northwestern town near Turkey's border, activists said.

The shooting in the western town of Qusair also wounded many others, according to several Syrian human rights and activists groups.

Anti-government protests are common in Qusair and, combined with the early morning assault on the town of Saraqeb near the Turkish border, reflected the determination of President Bashar Assad to crush the uprising.

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Pressure mounts

▶ The U.S. imposed new sanctions on Wednesday, and a flurry of foreign diplomats have rolled through Damascus urging Assad to end a campaign of killing that rights groups say has left about 1,700 dead since mid-March. Turkey's foreign minister, a day after meeting with Assad in Damascus, on Wednesday renewed his condemnation of the attacks. Ahmet Davutoglu met with Assad to deliver a warning that Turkey was running out of patience with his regime.

A new face ... and lips to kiss her loved ones

Photos show chimp-attack victim's startling transformation

BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL/LIGHTCHASER PHOTOGRAPHY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ An attack by a berserk chimpanzee left Charla Nash horribly disfigured, left. But skilful surgeons in Boston, Mass., gave her a new life with a face transplant.

The new face of a woman who was mauled by a chimpanzee two years ago was revealed for the first time Thursday in photos showing a startling transformation.

"I will now be able to do things I once took for granted," said Charla Nash, 57. "I will be able to smell. I will be able to eat normally. I will no longer be disfigured.

"I will have lips and will speak clearly once again. I will be able to kiss and hug loved ones.

"I am tremendously grateful to the donor and her family."

Nash, who's now living in a Boston-area nursing home, was attacked in February 2009 by a neighbour's 90-kilogram pet chimpanzee.

In late May, she underwent a full face transplant in Boston. She received skin, underlying muscles, blood vessels, nerves, a hard palate and teeth from a donor who had died.

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RIOTS AFTERMATH

Britain wants U.S. to help it defeat the thugs

Prime Minister David Cameron says Britain will look to the United States for solutions to gang violence after nights of riots and looting.

He promised authorities will get strong powers to stop street mayhem erupting again.

Cameron told lawmakers Thursday he is "acting decisively to restore order on our streets," as police raided houses to round up suspects from four nights of unrest in London and other English cities.

Cameron said authorities are considering new powers, including allowing police to order thugs to remove masks or hoods, evicting troublemakers from subsidized housing and temporarily disabling cellphone instant-messaging services.

He said the 16,000 police deployed on London's streets to deter rioters and reassure residents will remain through the weekend.

"We will not let a violent few beat us," Cameron said.

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▶ Sailors watch the JS Kashima arrive in Halifax on Thursday morning. Three ships in the Japanese Training Squadron are visiting Halifax for the weekend.

Japan salutes Canadian boy for tsunami gift

Three Japanese ships visit Halifax for first time since 2002 Training squadron will participate in exercise with HMCS Ville de Quebec on way out of area

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METRO CANADA IN HALIFAX

Not every Dartmouth boy has his own replica Samurai helmet straight from Japan.

Nine-year-old Aleks Burchill stood wide-eyed as Rear Admiral Umio Otsuka, commander of the Japanese Training Squadron, presented him with the stunning gift onboard a Japanese ship.

Three Japanese ships arrived in Halifax Thursday morning as part of a five-month training cruise.

Burchill was recognized for his efforts in fundraising and sending more than 1,000 paper cranes to the people of Japan after the devastating earthquake and tsunami struck in March.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

▶ Aleks Burchill

Receiving such a gift in return was "fun and exciting," he added.

"I'm going to put it in my room where I've put all my other stuff from this project."

Being able to express gratitude for the international response makes this a special training cruise, said Otsuka.

"The Canadian government sent blankets for the people in the refuge in a very timely manner soon after the disaster occurred.

"People were hurt and scared and they pretty much lost everything. I decided I really wanted to do something to help." ALEKS BURCHILL

After that a lot of charity programs were running to help the people in Japan," he said.

"And the moral support from people like Aleks boosts our feelings up."

Reconstruction is still ongoing but thankfully only one part and not the whole country was struck by the earthquake and tsunami.

"The country is fully functioning and I urge you to go to Japan to spend your holiday," he said.

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▶ Rear Admiral Umio Otsuka takes a salute.

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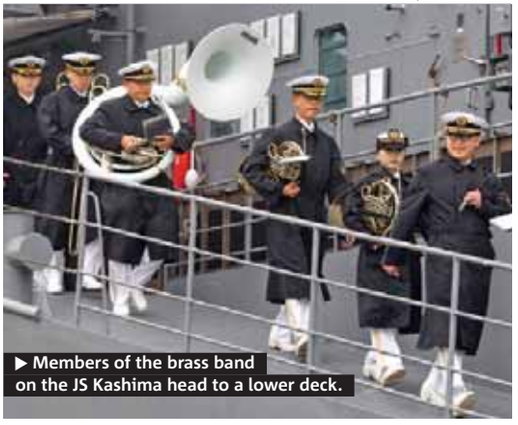

▶ Members of the brass band on the JS Kashima head to a lower deck.

LAST TRIP FOR SUB

It was a sad day for submariners as a piece of Canadian naval history was carried out of the harbour on Thursday destined for an Ontario scrapyard.

The Okanagan, one of four Halifax-based Oberon-class submarines, was carried out on a barge in the morning. She's following the same journey her sister submarine, the Olympus, made in July to a shipwreckers in Lake Erie.

"It's sad when I think of the number of people who have gone through that submarine," said D.H. (Buster) Brown who served on the Okanagan for 13 years.

The Onondaga was spared the scrapyard and delivered to a museum in Rimouski, Que., in 2008. Now the last remaining Oberon rusting in the Halifax Harbour is the Ojibwa. The Elgin Military Museum is currently negotiating with the federal government and raising funds to house the Ojibwa as a museum exhibit in Port Burwell, Ont.

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Harper hits the table with Costa Rica

New agreements set between the two countries Governments will negotiate and broaden the free trade agreement after nine years

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▶ Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper walks with the president of Costa Rica, Laura Chinchilla Miranda, in San Jose on Thursday.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper continued his swing through Latin America Thursday, making trade- and security-related announcements in Costa Rica.

Harper announced new agreements on air transportation and the exchange of tax information between the two countries.

He also says Canada will open a new visa-application centre in the country in September.

And he announced measures to bolster Costa Rica's police force.

The Canadian and Costa Rican governments are also going back to the negotiating table over their nine-year-old deal on free trade.

The talks are aimed at getting rid of tariffs for agricultural and industrial goods, and broadening the agreement to cover areas such as trade in financial services.

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Harper's route

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper left Ottawa last Sunday for a six-day swing through Latin America.
- His first stop was Brazil, where he aimed to boost trade between the two countries and talk about security in the region.
- Then the prime minister headed to Colombia, a country that Canada signed a free-trade deal with in 2008 amid opposition from the New Democrats.
- Trade between Canada and Colombia was nearly $1.4 billion last year. Canada's merchandise exports totalled about $644 million and imports totalled $717 million.
- Harper headed to Costa Rica and has a final stop in Honduras.

$1.6B trade deficit stunts our growth

Canada's trade deficit with the world expanded to $1.6 billion in June, in a sign of just how slow the economy grew in the second quarter.

The trade deficit for the month, hit by a drop in energy and automotive exports, was up from a $1-billion deficit in May, Statistics Canada reported Thursday.

Statistics Canada said merchandise exports fell 1.7 per cent in June, while imports were off 0.2 per cent. The trade surplus with the U.S. slipped to $3.6 billion in June from $3.7 billion in May and the trade deficit with countries grew to a record $5.2 billion in June from $4.8 billion in May. Exports fell to $36.5 billion, while merchandise imports fell to $38 billion.

Peter Hall, chief economist for Export and Development Canada, noted disruptions for exports caused by the Japanese earthquake and the tsunami.

"So some of the slowdown in momentum that we're seeing at the moment is not a demand problem, it is a supply problem."

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UNEMPLOYED

More jobless in Greece

Greece's Statistical Authority says unemployment in the country jumped to 16.6 per cent in May, up from 12 per cent in the same month last year and 15.8 per cent in April 2011.

The agency said Thursday Greece had 220,534 more unemployed people in May this year compared to May 2010, an increase of 36.6 per cent. The number of jobless stands at 822,719 in the country of about 11 million people.

European leaders agreed in July on a second bailout worth $155 billion US for Greece, which had been granted its first rescue from international creditors last year.

The government has imposed strict austerity measures, increasing taxes and cutting public-sector pay and pensions.

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Tim's banking on customer loyalty

CEO unfazed by recession worries Says profits up, people still willing to spend money for daily java jolt

Tim Hortons is well positioned to survive tough times as consumers fret that a recession could be coming, the company's chief executive officer says.

Paul House said the coffee chain has seen no change in spending patterns since a tumble on world stock markets in recent weeks sparked by financial crises in Europe and the U.S.

"I think our business has historically done fairly well through tough times and we continue to see it that way," House told analysts Thursday, the same day Tim's reported a second-quarter profit of $95.5 million, up from $94.1 million the same time last year.

"Things like high gasoline and energy costs that hit the consumer for a share of their wallet are concerning, but having said that, great loyalty seems to hold the day for us."

Tim Hortons, like other restaurants, has been grappling with the rising price of coffee, wheat and sugar. But House said the company is locked into lower prices from suppliers until at least early next year.

The company raised menu prices by about 4.5 per cent in April to cover rising costs. House said there are no plans to raise them in the near future.

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France acts to save credit rating

France banned short-selling on leading bank and insurance stocks Thursday, amid efforts to calm market jitters about the health of French banks and the heavily indebted U.S. and European economies.

The move by France's market regulator, the AMF, capped two days of whipsaw trading that saw French banks' market value fall and rise by billions of euros and threatened the nation's coveted triple-A credit rating. Those efforts appear to have had an effect, but economists said the rebound was shaky.

In a short sale, a trader hopes to profit by betting on the decline in the price of a share. The practice has been blamed for adding to market volatility.

Greece banned short-selling Monday and Italy's market regulator, Consob, will decide Friday whether to take similar measures. Belgium and Spain are also considering a ban.

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Eyes on Europe

- **Analysts will be paying** sharp attention to France's release of second-quarter GDP figures on Friday. France could suffer if it has to spend significant new money to bail out more eurozone countries.
- **The leaders of the** eurozone's biggest economies, Germany and France, will meet Tuesday to discuss solutions to Europe's financial difficulties.

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1 Mad world: A group of musicians including Eminem and Gaga are shooting a video in support of famine relief in Somalia. In London, hundreds gather in support of iPads and flat-screen TVs.

2 Who's zooming whom?: Canada's largest trading partner now has bad credit, and it reminds me of the time I drove my Altima to co-sign for my brother's new Porsche. Hey Stephen Harper, now might be a good time to buy Hawaii.

3 Sports metaphor: The NBA has locked players out pending revisions to the collective bargaining agreement, but their leverage is dwindling as stars like Kobe and LeBron consider playing in China. And they say life imitates art? Let's just hope they get paid in yen.

4 That's the spirit: It's Spirit Week in Winnipeg, and commuters get to ride the "Spirit buses" for free, explore the city's core, and see live musical performances. Consequently, a ride on Toronto transit is just as fun. Last week, I saw a guy talk to himself in two languages he didn't understand, a lady who believed she controlled the subway doors with her mind and a Jerry Garcia-looking dude playing air violin. Now *that's* entertainment!

5 Hospital-ity: A story in the Montreal Gazette pronounced that Canadians live longer and healthier lives than Americans, while paying less for health care. I have always maintained that it is cheaper to be insulted by frustrated, underpaid nurses in Canada than just about anywhere.

6 Johnny's Drama: The final season of Entourage is underway, and rumour has it they're taking their antics to the big screen. Executive producer Mark Wahlberg says he's even willing to fund it himself, which makes me think, "I'd really like to be friends with Mark Wahlberg."

7 Boob tube: This week began a new season of Bachelor Pad, proving that there is always an audience for lowliness. The 20 minutes I did watch took me through a range of emotions from shame to melancholy, but ultimately left me feeling much better about myself. Maybe they're on to something.

8 Clap on. Clap off. The B.C. government developed a website, InSpot.org, that lets promiscuous citizens send anonymous emails telling sexual partners that they have been exposed to an STI. They're keeping it simple for now, but eventually they will have creative greetings like, "I know you're a vegetarian. Sorry about the crabs," or "Merry Christmas. This card entitles you to 15 per cent off antibiotics." With news like this, the jokes just write themselves.

9 Money for nothin': This year's Teen Choice Awards were like a remix of Duck Sauce's Barbara Streisand song. The same names uttered repeatedly to a beat like, "Boom, Boom ... Justin Bieber. Boom, Boom ... Taylor Swift. Boom, Boom ... Selena Gomez." The Situation was upset he lost the award for male reality star to friend Pauly D. Why is this even a category? You acquire outrageous fortune with no talent and less than half a brain, and we should give you an award?

More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat

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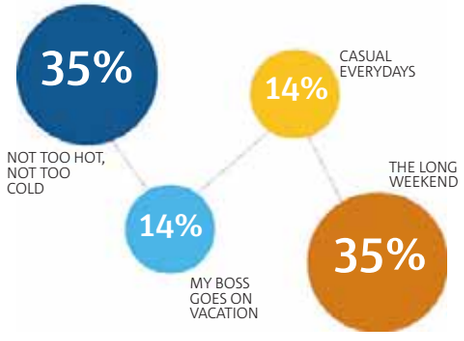
What's the best thing about August?



Local tweets

- **@TorqueDog:** Just read open letter to @amnestynow by @kenneyjason. I am proud to say this guy is an MP from my city. #yyc What a bad-ass reply. #NoBull
- **@wilhelmcruz:** Wish the weather was nicer, but screw it, still going to check out the #yyc food trucks on Stephen Ave.
- **@jaclynbarker:** Apparently there is a Bacon Festival in #yyc next month. It includes a bacon poetry slam. WHAT?
- **@CraigDrebit:** Dear BORN007 who's probably staying at the Deerfoot Inn: your Jag is beautiful! #yyc
- **@Massonite:** No train delay today. Yes! #yyc
- **@ReganVanessa:** Put on your stretchy pants #YYC! Food trucks are taking over Stephen Ave. See you there! #yycfoodtrucks
- **@tristanbauer:** Who else thinks we should all have today off to hit up the @yycfoodtrucks in Stephen Ave? #yyc
- **@haileypinto:** I woke up dreaming of perogies. Calgary, it's about time! @yycfoodtrucks #tastethetrucks #yyc cc @PerogyBoyz

Worth Mentioning

SHOELESS. The young Washington state man dubbed the Barefoot Bandit after a cross-country crime spree brought him folk outlaw status has reportedly signed a movie deal worth as much as $1.3 million US with 20th Century Fox.

The Daily Herald reports that the money will be used to help pay the minimum $1.4 million US that 20-year-old Colton Harris-Moore owes in restitution to the victims of his two-year-long crime spree.

Harris-Moore's multi-state crime spree earned him international attention. He stole five planes, more than a dozen cars, several boats and broke into homes and businesses. He was arrested July 11, 2010 on a stolen boat in the Bahamas.

Seattle entertainment lawyer Lance Rosen negotiated the deal on Harris-Moore's behalf. He says it's an unusual amount of money to be paid for anyone's life story rights.

Harris-Moore pleaded guilty in June to seven federal felony charges. Sentencing is set for October. He still faces state court charges.

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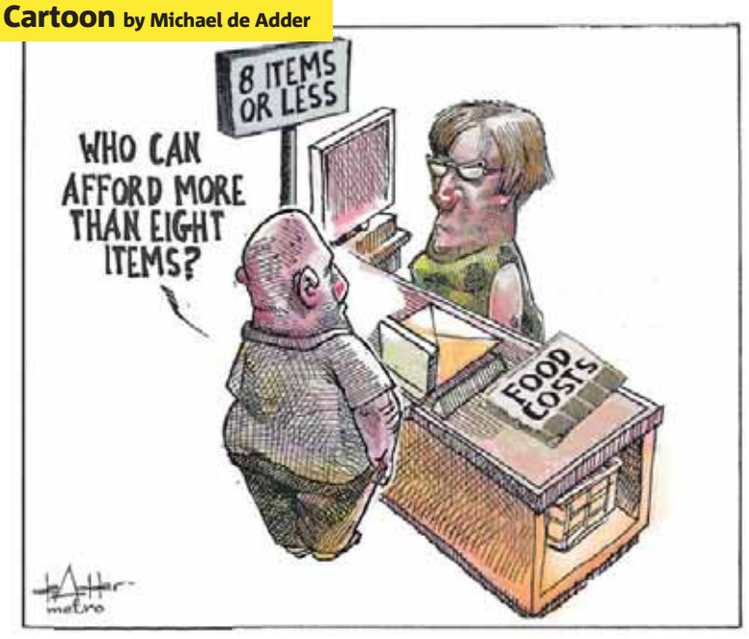

WEIRD NEWS

Urine and you're out

A famed Austrian museum has fired an employee for washing his hands and face with his urine.

Alfred Zoppelt says he was fired after 23 years of working as an attendant at the Belvedere, a castle in Vienna with major art works. He says his adherence to urine therapy was previously "never a problem."

Zoppelt, 57, said Thursday his notice from Belvedere says he was fired because "you regularly rub urine into your skin, particularly the face and hands. With this, you soil your place of work ... and threaten the health of your co-workers."

A woman answering the Belvedere press department phone confirmed that Zoppelt was fired but refused to give her name or further information.

Believers in urine therapy claim medical and cosmetic benefits but these have not been proven.

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Plot synopsis

- Very loosely based on a strange Erie, Penn., bank robbery, the story involves a slacker pizza delivery boy (Jesse Eisenberg) who is kidnapped by two moronic criminals (Danny McBride and Nick Swardson). They strap a bomb to his chest and order him to rob a bank or, in 10 hours, everything will go boom.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ●●●½
  Mark: ●●●

▶ Jesse Eisenberg, right, and Aziz Ansari star in 30 Minutes or Less.

Reel Guys

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A raunchy good time

30 Minutes or Less offers an unexpectedly fun mix of action and humour
This low-rent film won't win an Oscar, but it's guaranteed to entertain

Richard: There's nothing genteel about 30 Minutes or Less. The presence of Danny McBride assures that.

If you don't like his brand of foulmouthed, anything-goes humour, then you'll find very little to like here. But, if McBride turns your crank, you'll find much to like here.

Mark: I am no fan of Danny McBride. He's always playing the same loutish character in every movie. But he worked for me here, probably because the tight script gave him so little wriggle room. On the other hand, I am a fan of Aziz Ansari, and for me he's the standout character in the film, with great and subtle line readings. Jesse Eisenberg? Let's just say he probably won't be nominated for an Oscar for this one.

RC: He may not get nominated for this one, but he does get a good Facebook jab in there. Good to see he can have a sense of humour about The Social Network, the biggest success so far. I have to agree with you about Ansari. He's a manic ball of energy here, and while I thought he might be too much in the beginning, by the end I was glad he was there. The other thing this movie has going for it is the pace. It moves like a rocket. The 90 minutes really does feel like 30 minutes, or less!

MB: I know. I ordered a pizza when the movie started, but it was over before it even arrived! I applaud the producers for knowing that the film is flimsy and ensuring that it doesn't overstay its welcome. We've seen this plot done as a thriller; as a comedy it's not going to be as gripping. But I thought its low-rent setting and general shabbiness fit with the rest of the movie. No one will be talking about the cinematography or costume design, will they?

RC: No they won't, but they will be talking about what a raunchy good time they had at the movies, and I think that is the goal of this kind of movie. It's Like the spiritual cousin to Eisenberg's Zombieland, an unexpectedly fun mix of action and humour.

MB: So it's a movie that aims low, and exceeds expectations!

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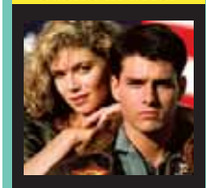
Scene in brief



When Top Gun was released 25 years ago, Kelly McGillis says she was constantly confronted by fans crooning You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin', the song Tom Cruise serenades her with in the hit film. "I couldn't go anywhere without people looking at me and singing to me," McGillis recalls.
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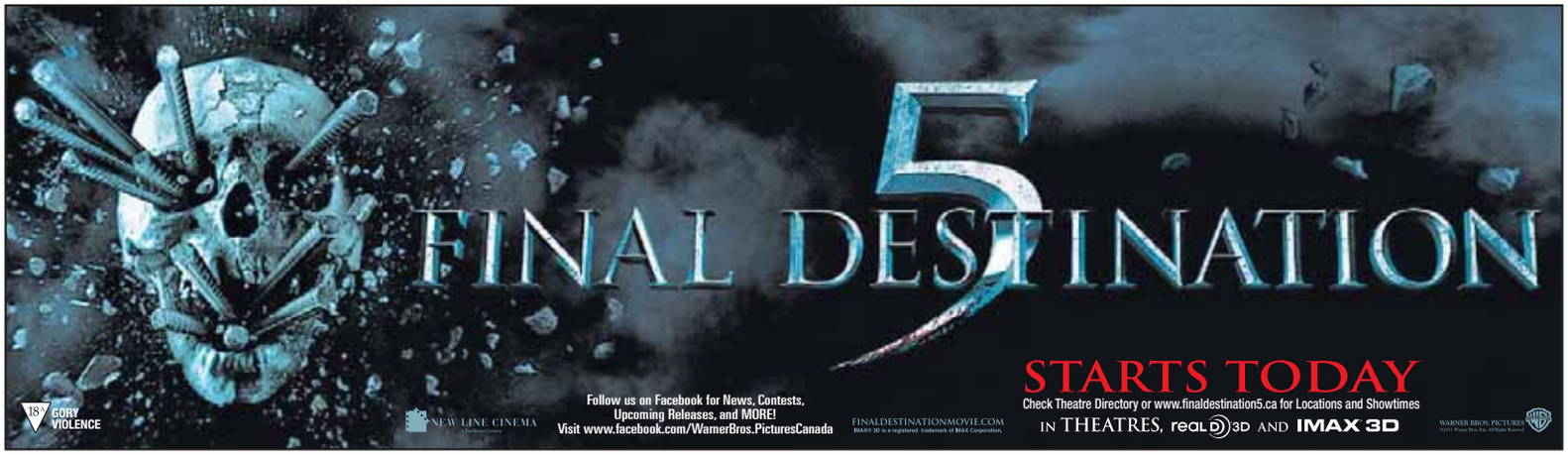
Suicides in movies tripled from 1950-2006, no difference whether film is PG-13 or R.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‘I’m a fighter, what can I say?’

Conan star Rose McGowan is 103 pounds of ‘you’re gonna die’

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▶ Khalar Zym (Stephen Lang) and Marique (Rose McGowan) in Conan the Barbarian.

In Conan the Barbarian, Rose McGowan ditches her usual glam look to portray Marique, a slithering, blade-wielding sorceress out to help her father (Stephen Lang) raise the dead and take over the world.

The part called for hours in the makeup chair and plenty of swordplay — not that McGowan is complaining, mind you.

Metro sat down with the always outspoken actress to chat about risking injury on set, the future of the Red Sonja remake and fighting above her weight class.

In Conan the Barbarian, you get to play with some pretty fun weapons.

That’s fun, great fun. I think just as a girl I’m so consistently underestimated, especially because I weigh, like, 103 pounds. People treat you like you’re this little doll. I’m like, my brain — which I think is why I’m always so injured — is not in line with what my body is like. So I’m like Scrappy Doo out there, fighting the big guys, which is why I always wind up getting hurt, because I have this unfortunately delicate frame.

With you being in Conan, does this mean you can’t be Red Sonja?

I can’t do that based on my injury. It’s not worth it. It’s not worth paralysis — being that I was paralyzed in my right arm from a stunt gone wrong.

I had three surgeries in my wrist, three in my elbow, part of the elbow bone out. There’s points where you’re like, ‘OK, there are real-life situations and there are movie situations.’

And I’ve done things on film to save a shot. There was a huge camera up on a crane — this was on Death Proof — and it was supposed to swing its arm, and out of the corner of my eye I saw it just falling, just swooping really fast. I should’ve just ducked out of the way, but I didn’t want to ruin the shot, so I just turned my head to side and just laughed. And it literally just whipped through my hair. It would’ve probably decapitated me.

And also on Death Proof, I didn’t want a double to do all the face slamming against the window, so that was all me. I almost shattered my cheekbone. But it looked cool!

Might I suggest you should do some dramas instead?

I just did one! Although actually I got the crap beaten out of me for about two weeks straight by my husband in the movie, now that I think about it.

It was hard not going, ‘I’m going to kick your ass now,’ because I’m used to that instead of just taking it like a mouse.

So does the injury mean you’re looking for fewer genre roles?

I will always. I’m a fighter, what can I say? And it’s also just great fun. I love flying on wires and things being blown up around me and things lighting on fire. That’s the fun part of what I do. I don’t have to sit behind a desk. ‘What did you do at work today?’

‘Well... I flew over a 30-foot wall with a giant mushroom cloud explosion behind me. Half my hair burned off, but it looked fantastic!’

HANDOUT

▶ Anne Hathaway stars in One Day.

Hathaway no shoe-in for role in new film

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It goes to show that it doesn’t matter if you’re an Academy Award nominated actress and accomplished thespian, confidence can be a struggle for anyone.

Anne Hathaway isn’t shy about admitting this.

“We’re all a mixture of arrogance and insecurity,” she says of actors.

“I’m actually not a terribly confident person, I’m just professional.”

Hathaway also readily admits that she was initially rebuffed by director Lone Scherfig when lobbying for the part of Emma Morley in the adaptation of David Nicholls beloved book, One Day.

It depicts the lives of two friends on one day, July 15, of every year for 20 years.

Since the characters happen to be British, Hathaway, who is very distinctly all-American, wasn’t having an easy time of it.

“It became a full-frontal assault to get the part,” Hathaway says.

“I was sitting in a club in London trying to explain to Lone why I ought to play Emma Morley and failing miserably. It was the worst meeting I ever had.”

But nonetheless, Hathaway won Scherfig over and embarked on exploring the lives of the two characters, who share a sexual tension along with a close bond of friendship.

Can a straight man and a straight woman be friends?

She seems to think so.

“Yeah, sometimes there’s tension but it needn’t get in the way of the relationship,” she says.

“But I’m not the person to answer this question. I’ve been in a rock solid relationship for three years and I’m a one man woman so I don’t really look at other men that way. I’m terribly boring and loyal and true blue and all that.”

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Final Destination 5
Genre: Horror/Thriller
Director: Steve Quale
Stars: Nicholas D'Agosto, Emma Bell, Arlen Escarpeta
◍◍◍½
There's something delightfully straightforward about the Final Destination franchise, a series that knows what it is and doesn't pretend to be anything else. It also knows why you're here: to see a group of witless young adults miraculously cheat death, only to have it catch up with them one by one in ever-more complex ways.

The biggest surprise is that, five films in, the franchise is actually at its best, managing to work in macabre laughs and a clever twist that rewards eagle-eyed viewers. But what about those infamous death scenes? Some are more elaborate than others, but all are executed with delicious tension and teasing.

Let's just say you'll never watch a gymnastics contest the same way.

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Glee: The 3D Concert Movie
Genre: Documentary
Director: Kevin Tancharoen
Stars: Cory Monteith, Dianna Agron, Lea Michele
◍◍◍ For Gleeks
◍◍ For everyone else
Glee: The 3D Concert Movie literally sings to the choir. If there ever was a movie made for fans, this is it. A concert film, with real life fan testimonials tucked in between the pop songs and show tunes, the music loses most of its context when there isn't a storyline to play off of. What's left is essentially karaoke with some nifty dance moves thrown in for good measure.

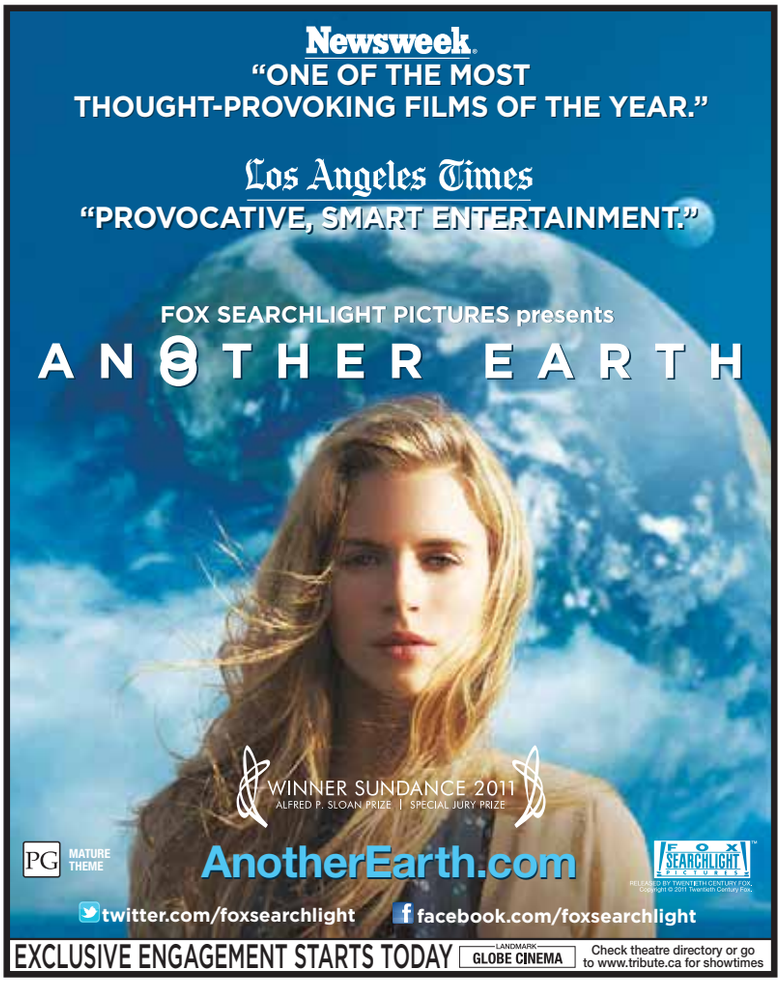
Highlights include Lea Michele warbling through a Barbara Streisand tune; but when Mark Salling sings Fat Bottom Girls it doesn't sound so much like a Queen classic as it does the squealing death of rock and roll.

RICHARD CROUSE

Another Earth
Genre: Drama
Director: Mike Cahill
Stars: Brit Marling, William Mapother, Matthew-Lee Erlbach
◍◍◍½
Science-fiction in setting and indie drama in content, Another Earth opens with the appearance of a second earth populated with duplicates of everyone on our own planet, but quickly ignores that grand conceit in favour of a small, ambiguous story about a damaged girl who secretly befriends the man whose wife and child she accidentally killed years earlier.

It's a challenging and thought-provoking movie sure to irritate anyone seeking concrete answers to the filmmakers' questions.

PHIL BROWN



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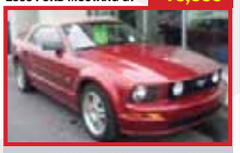
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Empowered women vs. unmanly men

ABC's fall lineup pits speaks volumes about evolving gender roles What's going on with this identity crisis?

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"We are known for creating storytelling with empowered women," ABC Entertainment Group President Paul Lee said of his network at the Television Critics Association press tour recently.

He cited hits Desperate Housewives and Grey's Anatomy as examples — along with new additions to the ABC schedule, Charlie's Angels, a remake about the famous trio of butt-kicking women, and Pan Am, following flight attendants in the 1960s.

Yet ABC's fall schedule also includes the new comedies Man Up! and Last Man Standing, series that both attempt to address a perceived demasculinization of the American male.

So what gives? Why is the dissection of gender roles at the forefront of the network's lineup?

"It's the job of television, and has been since we started, to look at the plight of men, to look at the plight of women. And I think we look at it in very different ways," Lee insists.

"It's our job to create television that questions how people feel in the world."

Breaking down the identity crisis: Here's what the cast and creators of ABC's new "empowered women" and "unmanly men" shows have to say about the message of their series:

'Pioneers in a lot of ways'

Pan Am

"[Pan Am stewardess] was a coveted position at the time for young women," says series creator Jack Orman.

"They needed to be college educated. They needed to speak several languages, and they were really pioneers in a lot of ways."

At the same time, a certain attractiveness was also part of the job.

"The idea that they have to be subjected to girdle checks and weigh-ins I think adds a certain realism but also an interesting, dramatic twist to the show," Orman adds.

Up, up and away

Pan Am premieres Sept. 25 on CTV

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▶ Remember when flying was fun? Pan Am showcases travel's golden era.

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▶ Charlie's Angels premieres Sept. 22 on CTV.

Charlie's Angels

ABC isn't downplaying the sexy chicks with guns thing in their reboot of Charlie's Angels, but they're also trying to make the show more about the characters' backstories and camaraderie as a team.

"Thing about 'Charlie's Angels' is … obviously, they're beautiful. They're sexy. They have all of those qualities," series creator Al Gough says of his cast, including Minka Kelly, Rachael Taylor and Annie Ilonzeh. "But they also have to be warm and relatable," he explains.

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▶ Check out Last Man Standing Oct. 11 on Citytv

Last Man Standing

Tim Allen has taken Home Improvement and tweaked it, starring as the father of three daughters who works at a sporting goods company and is distraught that he is "the last real man in a woman's world."

So how does Allen define a manly man? "Men need stuff to do. You have to have hobbies, and you should be able to fix stuff," he says. "The women in my life like cooking. They like cooking for their men. And the men in my life like futzing around the house and being able to take care of a home."

Man Up! (Premieres Oct. 18 on CTV)

Why is modern man soft? Blame war, says the show's creative team. "We are a generation that has a war, and we are just fortunate enough to have the luxury of other people volunteering and [fighting] for us so we can make a show about the silly antics of three guys in Ohio," says executive producer Christopher Moynihan.

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Coming this fall: Time warps, snark and sci-fi

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Two new comedies are using Brooklyn as both backdrop and character: The more serious-minded I Just Want My Pants Back and multi-cam sitcom 2 Broke Girls.

Executive producer Doug Liman says Pants captures the "artistry" right now in Brooklyn, while Girls is more of a female buddy-comedy poking fun of slacker trust-fund kids.

Less New York and more sweet is New Girl. The crew behind this comedy refers to their lead as "adorkable" rather than cool, but c'mon — it stars Zooey Deschanel.

Meanwhile, Up All Night shows what happens when the cool kids grow up — and get knocked up.

Will Arnett and Christina Applegate star as parents struggling to balance a new baby and their old lifestyle.

Life in 2149

Terra Nova gives viewers a different kind of time jump, sending Earthlings stuck on a dying planet in the year 2149 back to primeval times in a last-ditch effort to save civilization.

- **The good news:** Dinosaurs!
- **The bad:** Pedestrian acting and writing.

Blast from the past

Like Mad Men before them, three new dramas look to the 1950s/1960s for inspiration: The Hour, The Playboy Club and Pan Am.

All three are gorgeously produced with obvious attention to detail in wardrobe and set design, but only The Hour and Pan Am offer the same promise in storytelling.

MONTY BRINTON/CBS

▶ 2 Broke Girls airs on Citytv this fall

TV picks

Things start to heat up on Torchwood

MIRACLE DAY. We're over the hump in the 10-episode run of Torchwood: Miracle Day, and time is running out for our heroes.

With the rest of his team trapped on different continents, Jack has no choice but to go straight to the heart of the conspiracy in Saturday's new episode. (Space)

Spending Valentine's with a hostage

FLASHPOINT. Friday's new episode of Flashpoint promises drama, even if it isn't particularly timely.

A new recruit (Cle Bennett of Barney's Version) joins the team on one of the toughest days of the year for hostage situations and suicides — Valentine's Day. Clearly, at least a few people forgot to go to the florist. (CTV)

Hang with a Special Forces Operative

GLOBE-TROTTING SERIES. U.S. cable network Cinemax is venturing into new territory with Strike Back, the channel's first-ever original scripted drama.

The 10-part series debuting Friday focuses on a charismatic former U.S. Special Forces operative who works with the British military to dispatch a terrorist group.

The globe-trotting series balances its serious premise with white-knuckle action sequences and the bedroom adventures of its cad of a lead. (HBO Canada)

Sketch comedy with Snoop Dogg

IN THE FLOW. YouTube sensation Affion Crockett is the latest entertainer to break through thanks to viral buzz.

The comedian — who gained notoriety for spot-on impressions of Toronto rapper Drake and his frequent collaborator Lil Wayne — launches his new sketch show, In the Flow with Affion Crockett. on Sunday.

This premiere episode will feature guest appearances from rapper Snoop Dogg and fashion mogul Russell Simmons.

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Spartacus is back — and with a Vengeance

Producer of Starz originally dismissed Liam McIntyre for role because 'he was so skinny' After months of exercise, this Aussie is gladiator-ready

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There's a new Spartacus coming to television and the latest fierce Thracian gladiator is actually an Australian.

Currently filming its third season, the popular Starz series was sidetracked after its original star Andy Whitfield was forced to back out due to health issues.

"We cast a wide net; we looked all over the world and we found Liam McIntyre," said show creator Steven S. DeKnight of his new star recently in Los Angeles.

"It's heaps more demanding than when I would've expected. Constantly every episode that I've been on is like 'you want me to do what?'"
ACTOR LIAM MCINTYRE, ON PLAYING SPARTACUS

"I remember seeing his first audition, he was so skinny I immediately dismissed him because I didn't know he'd lost so much weight for a previous role but we kept coming back to him — he just had those qualities we needed."

As such DeKnight put his star on a "three-month exercise retainer" and watched him fill out into the part of Spartacus — a hefty role that the actor does not take lightly.

"It's obviously a big job," admitted McIntyre. "You know how much it means to the fans because I was one before this happened. So all I can do is work really, really hard… attack this as hard as you possibly can because you want to do a good show because you love it yourself."

Spartacus: Vengeance debuts in January on The Movie Network but McIntyre has a lot of work in the coming months. Filming the gritty, violent series has definitely proven a workout for the Aussie actor.

"It's heaps more demanding than when I would've expected. Constantly every episode that I've been on is like 'you want me to do what?'" laughed McIntyre. "I look back at some of the stuff and think, that is just mind-blowing."

The slaves revolt

Spartacus: Vengeance debuts in January on The Movie Network

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Some like it hot: Actor Liam McIntyre speaks during the Spartacus: Vengeance panel during the Starz portion of the 2011 Summer TCA Tour in Beverly Hills, California last month.

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▶ Even Kanye West's col-laboration with Jay-Z couldn't save the summer

THE SUMMER OF DROUGHT

SOUND CHECK

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No, you're not imagining things. This has been a dry summer for big releases. Just wander into any record store and you'll see the same CDs in the "new release" section week after week.

Oh, sure there's new product every Monday (in the U.K.) and Tuesday (in North America), but since early June, almost everything has come from new or niche-y acts. There have been some exceptions, of course (Beyoncé, Bad Meets Evil, the Kanye/Jay-Z project, a Coldplay single) but for the most part, this summer has been a dead zone, like a lake choked off by algae.

My record weasel friends confided in me as far back as March that their companies had nothing in the pipeline. Paralyzed by industry issues (the sale of Warner Music Group, the uncertainty surrounding EMI, dropping revenues everywhere), everyone was afraid to commit to, well, almost anything. Best focus on getting Beyoncé's 4 in as many iPods as possible. And another single from Mumford & Sons?

Sure!

Bricks-and-mortar music retailers have been left with precious little to promote. It's hard to get anyone really excited about, say, a deluxe edition re-release of Arcade Fire's The Suburbs. Instead, stores are left pushing Adele's 21, which helps explain why it's spent most of the year at number one on both sides of the border. Other stores are stocking up on Amy Winehouse CDs. In past decades, sales of disposable summery Top 40 hits would have picked up the slack, but a quick glance at the radio airplay and physical singles sales charts reveals little correlation. Instead, LMFAO and Pitbull are selling lots of low-margin digital copies. In other words, this summer has been to music what January and February are to the movie studios: big pushes on old releases while simultaneously releasing whatever non-superstar material that's in the warehouse.

What to do? If you have the time/cash, you can take some chances. The Horrors Skying Out (which came out this week) is very good. I'm very much into the Washed Out album With and Without. And if you've yet to buy the new Death Cab for Cutie, think about it.

If you'd rather wait, the Christmas shopping season starts on the 30th with releases from the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Lenny Kravitz. And September — with new CDs from Mary J. Blige, Lady Antebellum and Jane's Addiction — looks promising.

Working together

Elizabeth McGovern, Michelle Dockery connecting

There are secret romances, wars and endless backstabbing on Downton Abbey, the British TV series that follows the lives of the aristocratic Grantham family and their servants in the early 20th century.

But off-screen, there is music. Elizabeth McGovern and Michelle Dockery, who co-star in the Emmy-nominated drama, are collaborating musically, and Dockery is hoping to sing on McGovern's next project with her folk rock band, Sadie and the Hotheads.

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▶ Michelle Dockery.

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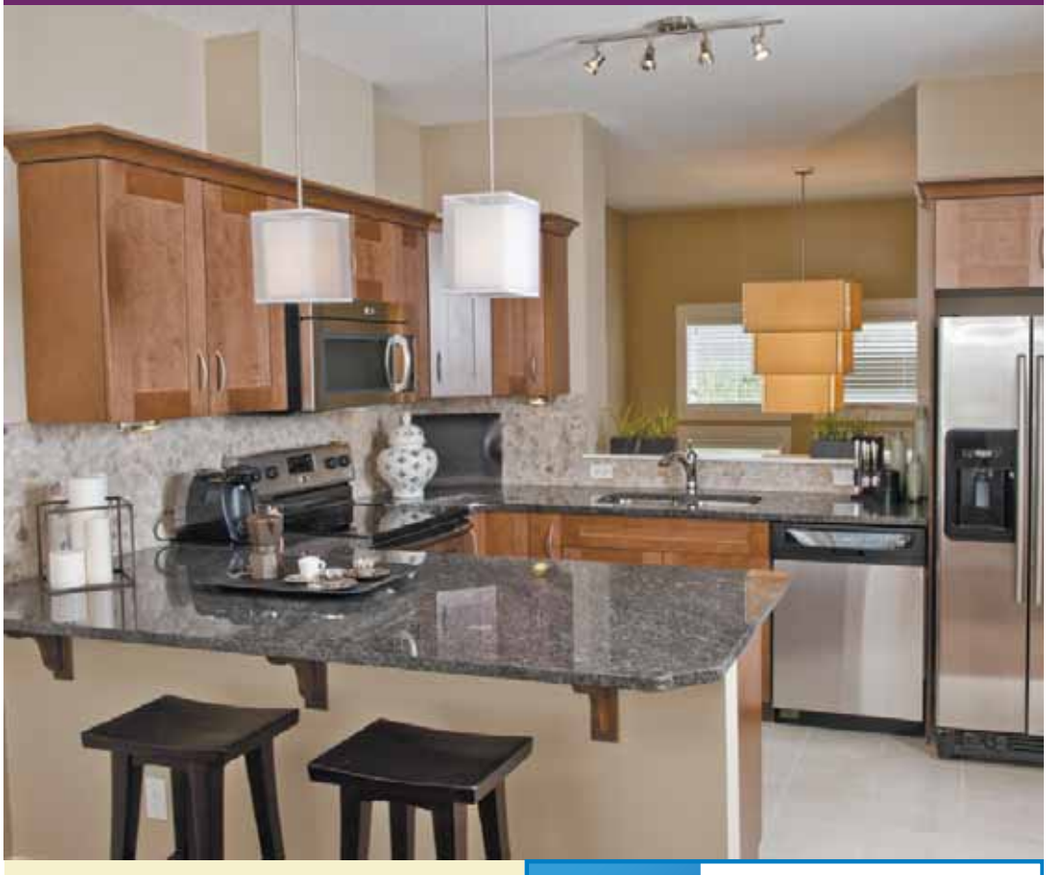

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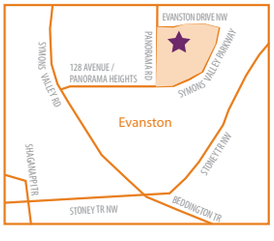

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Hudson praising her mother for parenting

A recent mother herself, Kate feels thankful for Goldie

Kate Hudson says she's aspiring to be like her own parents when it comes to raising her kids.

"My parents allowed my brother and I to have our freedom," she tells Elle magazine. "(We could) be ourselves and feel confident in our choices and make mistakes without too much judgment."

Hudson hopes she "can do as good of a job" as her mom, Goldie Hawn, who "never hands out unsolicited preachy words of wisdom," she says.

And despite having a newborn at home, Hudson isn't slowly down.

"I would never want to be with someone who complains and goes, 'Oh, my God, my life is so crazy,'" she says. "If you make the best of it, it can be amazing."

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"(We could) be ourselves and feel confident in our choices and make mistakes without too much judgment"
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▶ Kate Hudson

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▶ Ashton Kutcher

Kutcher highest paid TV actor

After joining Two and a Half Men, Ashton Kutcher has become the highest paid actor on television, pulling in $700,000 an episode for the half-hour comedy, according to TV Guide.

Charlie Sheen used to hold that title before getting fired from the same sitcom, where he made $1.2 million an episode.

"There is great value in hiring an actor like Ashton Kutcher," CBS head Nina Tassler says. METRO

Anthony not over Lopez

Jennifer Lopez reunited with estranged husband Marc Anthony this week in the Hamptons, according to TMZ.

The pair were spotted riding in the back of a red convertible in Southampton, N.Y., where Anthony was visiting to see his children, his rep explains. And he's reportedly not taking their divorce well.

"His mood shifts from blaming her to begging her to take him back to telling her she is destroying his life," a source tells Us Weekly. METRO

Talking points

American Idol cast remains unchanged

JUST RUMORS. It looks like there won't be any shakeups this year for American Idol, as Jennifer Lopez, Steven Tyler, Randy Jackson and Ryan Seacrest have all reportedly inked deals to return.

"I am delighted to say that all three judges, along with the brilliant host of American Idol, are back for the next season," executive producer Nigel Lythgoe said in a radio interview with Seacrest. Lopez had reportedly been "on the fence" earlier this summer about returning to the reality competition. METRO

Davis prepares to adopt child

EXPECTING. It's a big week for Viola Davis. Not only is she earning rave reviews for her role in The Help, but she and husband Julius Tennon are starting a family.

"We're about to adopt a baby," Davis tells to E! News.

The baby will be the couple's first child together, while Tennon has two children from previous relationships. METRO

Glee star now wary of tabloids

PRESS Glee star Dianna Agron already has one headline-friendly past relationship — with ex Alex Pettyfer — under her belt, but she's planning to keep her future affairs out of the tabloids.

"It's really sad looking at people like Lindsay Lohan," Agron says in an interview with Cosmopolitan magazine.

"She's an amazing actress, but you see what happens when people know too much about your personal life. They start not being able to look at you the same way professionally. I don't want that to happen to me." METRO

Celebrity tweets

"I surfed in Hawaii for a month and only showered twice!!! I'm not gonna lie, I smelled!!"
@jtimberlake

"I love my wife deeply and forever but I do have to say: Jennifer Aniston Jennifer Aniston Jennifer Aniston."
@denisleary

"Why would you think rumors are true when even people you know well, will on occasion, lie to your face??..Don't gossip it's just insidious"
@kirstiealley

"Comedy is just complaining in an entertaining way. Enterplaining."
@JerrySeinfeld

Lobster: Little crustacean, big taste

Impress family and friends at your next backyard get-together with delicious barbecued lobster It's healthier than some meat options

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Lobster is a healthy option as it contains less cholesterol and calories than meat.

You can impress your friends and family this summer with this delicious and healthy barbecued lobster recipe.

In fact, lobster is an appetizing and very nutritious barbecue option as it contains less cholesterol, calories, and saturated fats than typical grilling choices such as lean beef, pork, and chicken.

This fun summer recipe from Halifax's Clearwater Seafoods, one of the world's leading seafood companies, is an ideal choice for your next backyard get together.

Barbecued Lobster with Red Pepper and Lime Butter

Preparation:

1 Bring large pot of salted water to a boil; plunge in lobsters for 4–6 minutes to blanch. Remove and cool lobsters until you can handle them. Cut in half, lengthwise, remove viscera, and crack claws.

2 Preheat oven to 425 F. Brush red pepper with oil, place on a baking sheet and roast for 15 minutes, turning several times. Remove from oven and cool. Carefully peel off pepper skin, remove seeds and chop pepper. Place softened butter, red pepper, zest and juice from limes in a blender and process until smooth. Season with salt, pepper and cayenne. Set aside at room temperature.

3 Prepare marinade by combining olive oil, garlic, lemon juice, chives, coriander and black pepper. Rub thoroughly over lobster and let stand 20 minutes. Barbecue lobster flesh–side down on a hot grill until golden. Turn, brush flesh with red pepper butter and cook, shell side down for another 6 – 8 minutes. Allow the lobster to rest on warm plates, top with remaining red pepper butter.

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Ingredients:

- 4 Clearwater lobsters
- 1 Red bell pepper, peeled and seeded
- 2 tbsp oil
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 limes, juice and zest to taste
- Salt and pepper
- pinch Cayenne pepper
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 lemon, juices
- 1 ¼ cup fresh chives and coriander, chopped
- Ground black pepper, coarse
- Lemon wedges as garnish

A barbecue wine lesson

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Even though I treated my barbecue with kid mitts, last weekend saw the passing of my nearly five-year-old gas fired girl. Sadly, modern grills seem to have the staying power of a Jennifer Lopez marriage so I had to say hello to a shiny new addition to my back deck.

I like nothing better than a nicely prepared burger so a plethora of patties was the best way to christen my latest investment. It was also a great opportunity to experiment with a barbecue-ready wine.

The Rhone Valley is the home of the syrah grape (a.k.a. shiraz) to the north and the grenache grape to the south. Those reds labelled Côtes du Rhône come from vineyards throughout and are often a blend of both.

Ogier's 2009 Héritages Côtes du Rhône ($14.95 - $17.99) is a well-balanced combo of ripe, black fruit (from the grenache) and subtle pepper spice (thanks to the syrah), which makes it a perfect grilling wine with enough fruit to work nicely with milder sauces, marinades and a cornucopia of condiments. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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Store lobster

Clearwater Lobster is the most sought after lobster in the world. One of the great things is that it stores easily.

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- Lobsters should be kept cool and moist at 3 to 5 C.
- Store refrigerated, covered with a layer of wet newspaper; no more than 12 hours.
- Don't store live lobsters on ice or in fresh or salted water.

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It's snack time

These two very different snacks are perfect for an afternoon treat ◗ Satisfy your savoury and sweet tooths

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▶ Although this recipe makes just one serving, it is easy to multiply.

Summer days and ice-cream sundaes just go hand in hand. Here is a twist on Canada's classic butter tart that will wow kids of all ages

Preparation:

1. In a small bowl, combine 30 ml (2 tbsp) caramel syrup and raisins. Set aside. Drop 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the cookie crumbs in bottom of waffle bowl. Top with ice cream and remaining cookie crumbs. Drizzle with caramel raisin mixture, toasted pecans and whipped cream (if using), and garnish with additional sundae syrup. Serve.

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Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) caramel-flavoured syrup, plus extra for garnish
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) raisins
- 1 12-g waffle bowl
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) shortbread cookie crumbs, divided
- 1 scoop (125 ml/1/2 cup) butterscotch ripple ice cream
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) toasted pecans (optional)
- Whipped cream (optional)
- Additional syrup for garnish

Flaky Savoury Spirals

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F). Thaw pie shells at room temperature for 15 minutes.
2. Invert each pie shell from foil onto clean, flat, lightly floured surface. Using fingers lightly moistened with water, pinch and press any cracked edge.
3. Spread 15 ml (1 tbsp) mustard on one pie shell, leaving a 1-cm (1/2-inch) border around edge. Place 1 wiener on pastry edge closest to you. Sprinkle 50 ml (1/4 cup) cheese over mustard. Roll up and cut roll crosswise into 2-cm (3/4-inch) slices.
4. Pinch pasty end of each spiral to prevent unravelling. Place on parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Repeat with 2nd shell.
5. Sprinkle with cheese; bake in oven for 15 minutes or until cheese melts and pastry is golden. Serve with dipping sauces. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ TENDERFLAKE

Ingredients:

- 2 frozen pie shells
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) your favourite mustard, divided
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Voskoboeva solves Sharapova

In a season full of talk about parity in women's tennis, unheralded Galina Voskoboeva became the latest to step up and prove that point Thursday.

The 26-year-old from Kazakhstan, ranked just 135th in the world, dispatched No. 5 Maria Sharapova 6-3, 7-5, as star power at the Rogers Cup continued to dwindle.

Voskoboeva beat the Russian veteran with lovely drop shots and had the six-foot-two Sharapova chasing balls back to the baseline all game long.

American star Serena Williams, one of the top women's players yet to be eliminated in Toronto, advanced to the quarter-finals with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 win over Chinese qualifier Zheng Jie.

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▶ Galina Voskoboeva

Djokovic through to quarters in Montreal

Novak Djokovic kept his sizzling season ablaze Thursday, downing Marin Cilic 7-5, 6-3 to reach the men's quarter-finals of the Rogers Cup.

The top-seeded Serb, in his second match since taking over the world No. 1 ranking, broke the lanky Cilic's heavy serve twice in the second set. His record improved to 50-1 this year and 26-0 on hard courts.

The 24-year-old Djokovic is seeking his ninth tournament win of the season and he's now the last of the top-four seeds still alive in the tournament after No. 3 Roger Federer was upset by 13th seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-1.

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▶ Calgary quarterback Henry Burris throws a pass against Hamilton last week.

Stamps looking to add to Riders' misery

Calgary coach knows Week 7 matchup against 'desperate' club will be a challenge Injuries have put strain on 1-5 Saskatchewan's receiving corps

Rookie Saskatchewan Roughriders head coach Greg Marshall and his assistants find themselves in an awkward position these days.

As they prepare their squad for Friday's game at Mosaic Stadium against the Calgary Stampeders, they're also trying to figure out a cure for their sputtering offence.

There is continued speculation that part of the problem with Saskatchewan's inept attack is a rift between offensive co-ordinator Doug Berry and Darian Durant, but the Roughriders quarterback dismissed that theory on Thursday with a curt: "You guys need something to write about."

Regardless of their troubles, the Roughriders haven't lost the respect of the Stampeders (4-2).

STAMPEDERS RIDERS

▶ **Time:** 7 p.m.
TV: TSN

"They went into Montreal and beat Montreal when they were on their high horse," Stampeders receiver Ken-Yon Rambo said of the Roughriders' lone victory this season, a 27-24 decision over the Alouettes in late July.

"Hands down, they're a good team, all the way around. ... They lost a couple of games in a row and I know they're coming out and trying to pounce and that's what we plan on doing back to them."

"They're going through some bumps right now and that's football. This is a big game. This is our division."
STAMPEDERS RECEIVER KEN-YON RAMBO ON THE ROUGHRIDERS

Stampeders head coach John Hufnagel believes Saskatchewan's 1-5 record is all the more reason to not take the Riders lightly.

"Right now they're a desperate football team, as they should be," Hufnagel said. "They're going to be sky-high coming out of that locker-room and we need to be ready to face that type of team."

While the body language suggests that Durant is becoming increasingly more frustrated, on the surface he remains the opposite.

"I'm just being myself. I'm blessed to play this game," Durant said with a smile, adding he's not happy with how the Riders have played. "If you're happy about it, there's something wrong."

The Riders added receivers Dallas Baker, Freddie Barnes and Tyree Burks, and running back Yvenson Bernard this week to give Berry options. Although the offensive co-ordinator would like to have them ready as soon as possible, they aren't likely to figure in this week.

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"I really didn't play the game to be in the Hall of Fame. That wasn't my job. My job was to go out there and win ballgames, have a good time and take care of my family."
DENNIS RODMAN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS., THURSDAY. THE FIVE-TIME NBA CHAMPION WAS TO BE ENSHRINED INTO THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL HALL OF FAME ON FRIDAY.

"As long as the people had a good time, that was my main objective."
RODMAN

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Roughriders dealing with stormy outlook

CFL EXTRA POINTS

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Roughriders fans want heads to roll after a 1-5 start, but maybe the faithful green hoard is a little delusional. Yes, their mighty Riders made three Grey Cup appearances in four seasons, but the team was merely 10-8 during the 2010 regular season before getting hot in the playoffs. Not exactly a dynasty.

Now their dismal kickoff to the 2011 season has many of the watermelon-wearing gang insisting quarterback Darian Durant's a dud, head coach Greg Marshall is an idiot and that general manager Brendan Taman couldn't find his butt with both hands.

There are even rumblings of a rift between Durant and offensive co-ordinator Doug Berry, who tried a little too hard this week when he characterized his relationship with his QB as "absolutely fantastic."

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▶ Edmonton quarterback Ricky Ray, left, is chased by Montreal's John Bowman on Thursday night. The Alouettes laid a 27-4 beating on the Eskimos.

The weakest link is the Riders offence, which has struggled without Andy Fantuz (NFL), Rob Bagg (knee) and Cary Koch (thumb), a blow that would affect any team's production.

The reality is, the Riders are merely a good team that's floundering beneath the weight of some key injuries, not a CFL dynasty that's suddenly unravelling.

Now the Riders find themselves in a West turtle derby with B.C., but anything can happen once you make the playoffs, as the Riders proved last season.

Swagger before a stumble?: The Blue Bombers have taken a shine to calling Winnipeg's turf "Swaggerville" after blasting out of the gates with a 5-1 record, good for first place in the East.

The Bombers defence is even peddling Swaggerville T-shirts for $25.

The defence has 25 sacks through six games while Odell Willis leads the pack with eight. The defence is allowing a measly 18.8 points and 289.5 yards per game, league lows, and it has a CFL-best 10 picks.

With those stats they deserve to be a little cocky, but CFL fortunes can shift faster than the San Andreas Fault, and we could be calling them the Suicide Bombers come November. Try hawking T-shirts with that slogan.

No Stamps dampens Eskimos' chances: Eskimos receiver Fred Stamps was off to such a great start some folks in Edmonton were dreaming of a new CFL receptions record. That all came crashing down after Stamps required abdominal surgery this week.

Stamps, who had four 100-yard games this season, was accidentally kicked in the groin by Winnipeg's Jonathan Hefney last weekend, a crushing blow to the Esks' offence. Of equal concern for Edmonton fans is the continued good health of QB Ricky Ray, who was sacked four times in the Winnipeg loss. The star pivot must stay healthy for the surprising Esks to challenge for first place this season.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	72	44	.621	—
New York	70	45	.609	1½
Tampa Bay	62	54	.534	10
Toronto	59	57	.509	13
Baltimore	45	69	.395	26

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	61	55	.526	—
Cleveland	58	56	.509	2
Chicago	57	59	.491	4
Minnesota	52	65	.444	9½
Kansas City	49	68	.419	12½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	66	52	.559	—
Los Angeles	64	53	.547	1½
Oakland	52	64	.448	13
Seattle	50	66	.431	15

Last night's results

Baltimore 6, Chicago White Sox 4, 10 innings

Cleveland 10, Detroit 3

N.Y. Yankees 9, L.A. Angels 3

Toronto 8, Oakland 4

Tampa Bay 8, Kansas City 7

Seattle 4, Texas 3

Minnesota 5, Boston 2

Tuesday's results

Chicago White Sox 4, Baltimore 3

Cleveland 3, Detroit 2, 14 innings

L.A. Angels 6, N.Y. Yankees 4

Oakland 4, Toronto 1

Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 0

Texas 7, Seattle 6

Boston 4, Minnesota 3

Tonight's games

Kansas City (Duffy 3-5) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 6-4), 12:10 p.m.

Oakland (Moscoso 4-6) at Toronto (Mills 1-1), 12:37 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Chatwood 6-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Colon 8-6), 1:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 9-5) at Baltimore (Tillman 3-4), 7:05 p.m.

Detroit (Verlander 16-5) at Cleveland (Carmona 5-11), 7:05 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Detroit at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

Boston at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	77	40	.658	—
Atlanta	69	49	.585	8½
New York	58	58	.500	18½
Washington	56	60	.483	20½
Florida	55	62	.470	22

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	67	50	.573	—
St. Louis	62	55	.530	5
Pittsburgh	56	60	.483	10½
Cincinnati	56	61	.479	11
Chicago	50	67	.427	17
Houston	38	79	.325	29

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	64	53	.547	—
San Francisco	64	54	.542	—
Colorado	55	63	.466	9
Los Angeles	52	64	.448	11
San Diego	52	66	.441	12

Tuesday's results

Philadelphia 9, L.A. Dodgers 8

Pittsburgh 9, San Francisco 2

Atlanta 6, Florida 2

Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2

San Diego 9, N.Y. Mets 5

Chicago Cubs 4, Washington 2

Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 1

Arizona 6 Houston 3

Tuesday's results

Arizona 11 Houston 9

Atlanta 4 Florida 3 (11 innings)

Colorado 3 Cincinnati 2

Milwaukee 5 St. Louis 3 (10 innings)

N.Y. Mets 5 San Diego 4

Philadelphia 2 L.A. Dodgers 1

San Francisco 6 Pittsburgh 0

Washington 3 Chicago Cubs 1

Today's games

San Diego (Luebke 4-6) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 11-8), 12:10 p.m.

Colorado (Chacin 9-8) at Cincinnati (Cueto 7-5), 12:35 p.m.

Washington (Zimmermann 7-9) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 9-8), 2:20 p.m.

Milwaukee (Gallardo 13-7) at St. Louis (C.Carpenter 7-8), 8:15 p.m.

Houston (Myers 3-12) at Arizona (J.Saunders 8-9), 9:40 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.

San Diego at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.

San Francisco at Florida, 7:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.

Colorado at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

N.Y. Mets at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 8, ATHLETICS 4

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
JWeeks 2b	5	0	1	0	RDavis lf	4	0	1	1
Pnngtn ss	5	0	0	0	YEscor ss	4	1	1	0
Matsui dh	3	0	0	0	Bautist rf	3	1	1	0
Wlngh lf	5	1	2	1	Lind 1b	5	1	2	1
DeJess rf	5	1	2	1	Encrnc dh	3	1	1	1
CJcksn 1b	4	1	2	0	Rasms cf	3	1	1	0
Sweeny cf	3	1	1	1	A.Hill 2b	4	1	1	1
KSuzuk c	4	0	2	0	Arencii c	4	0	0	0
SSizmr 3b	4	0	2	1	Lawrie 3b	4	2	2	4
Totals	**38**	**4**	**12**	**4**	**Totals**	**34**	**8**	**10**	**8**

Oakland	000	300	001	4
Toronto	100	005	11x	8

E—K.Suzuki (7), A.Hill (7). DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Oakland 10, Toronto 9. 2B—Sweeney (11), Lind (11), Encarnacion (29), Lawrie (1). HR—Willingham (19), DeJesus (8), Lawrie (2).

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
G.Gonzalez L,9-10	5	4	4	4	5	4
Breslow BS,2-2	1	2	2	2	0	1
Magnuson	1	2	1	1	0	1
Norberto	1	2	1	1	1	1
Toronto						
H.Alvarez	5 2-3	8	3	3	1	4
Janssen W,4-0	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
T.Miller H,1	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Litsch S,1-1	2 2-3	2	1	1	0	2

G.Gonzalez pitched to 3 batters in the 6th. HBP—by Norberto (Y.Escobar), by H.Alvarez (Matsui). PB—Arencibia. Umpires—Home, Dana DeMuth; First, Kerwin Danley; Second, Paul Nauert; Third, Doug Eddings. T—3:01. A—19,541 (49,260).

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	23	9	7	7	24	22	34
Philadelphia	22	8	5	9	27	20	33
Kansas City	23	7	7	9	32	30	30
New York	24	6	6	12	37	33	30
Houston	23	6	7	10	28	28	28
D.C. United	21	6	6	9	29	33	27
New England	23	4	10	9	22	33	21
Toronto	25	3	11	11	24	46	20
Chicago	22	2	7	13	23	30	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	25	13	3	9	35	20	48
Dallas	24	12	6	6	31	24	42
Seattle	24	11	5	8	35	27	41
Colorado	25	9	6	10	35	31	37
Real Salt Lake	21	10	5	6	30	16	36
Chivas USA	23	7	8	8	30	26	29
Portland	22	7	10	5	28	35	26
San Jose	23	5	8	10	25	30	25
Vancouver	23	3	11	9	25	36	18

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.

Saturday's games

Chivas USA at Seattle, 4 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at Toronto, 7 p.m.

New England at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.

FC Dallas at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

Portland at Houston, 9 p.m.

CFL

WEEK SEVEN

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Winnipeg	6	5	1	0	169	113	10
Montreal	6	4	2	0	195	152	8
Hamilton	6	3	3	0	152	144	6
Toronto	6	1	5	0	128	178	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Edmonton	6	5	1	0	169	127	10
Calgary	6	4	2	0	149	137	8
B.C.	6	1	5	0	150	172	2
Saskatchewan	6	1	5	0	112	184	2

Tonight's game

Edmonton at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's game

Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9 p.m.

Saturday's games

Toronto at Hamilton, 7 p.m.

Winnipeg at B.C., 10 p.m.

WEEK EIGHT

Byes: Calgary, Hamilton, Montreal, Winnipeg

Thursday, Aug. 18

Saskatchewan at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 19

B.C. at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

LEADERS

Unofficial CFL scoring leaders following Saturday's game (x — scored two-point convert):

SCORING

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Whyte, Mtl	0	21	15	1	67
Duval, Edm	0	17	13	9	65
Palardy, Wpg	0	12	16	4	64
Medlock, Ham	0	15	14	3	60
McCallum, BC	0	13	15	2	60
Paredes, Cal	0	11	12	4	51
E.Johnson, Sask	0	11	10	5	46
Stala, Ham	6	0	0	0	36
Prefontaine, Tor	0	8	8	0	32
Edwards, Wpg	5	0	0	0	30
Kackert, Tor	5	0	0	0	30
Stamps, Edm	5	0	0	0	30
Bratton, Mtl	4	0	0	0	24
Cornish, Cal	4	0	0	0	24
Diedrick, Mtl	4	0	0	0	24
Barnes, Edm	3	0	0	0	18
Brown, BC	3	0	0	0	18
Cates, Sask	3	0	0	0	18
Cobourne, Ham	3	0	0	0	18
Foster, BC	3	0	0	0	18
Green, Mtl	3	0	0	0	18
Porter, Edm	3	0	0	0	18
Richardson, Mtl	3	0	0	0	18
Robertson, BC	3	0	0	0	18
C.Williams, Ham	3	0	0	0	18
Shaw, Tor	0	5	4	1	18
Dressler, Sask	2	0	0	0	12
Getzlaf, Sask	2	0	0	0	12
Jeffers-Harris, Wpg	2	0	0	0	12
Joseph, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Lemon, Tor	2	0	0	0	12
McPherson, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
Messam, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Reynolds, Cal	2	0	0	0	12
Simon, BC	2	0	0	0	12
Whitaker, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
Banks, BC	1	0	0	0	6
Bishop, Cal	1	0	0	0	6

GOLF

WEEKEND GLANCE

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Schedule: Today-Sunday.

Television: TNT (Today-Friday, 1-7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 2-7 p.m.).

Online: www.pga.com/pgachampionship

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European Tour site: www.europeantour.com

NATIONWIDE TOUR

PRICE CUTTER CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Springfield, Mo.

Schedule: Today-Sunday.

Television: None.

Online: www.pgatour.com

HOCKEY

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PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OT	W	OT	L	GF	GA	Pt
Sweden	3	3	0	0	0	0	14	7	9
Canada	**3**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**13**	**6**	**6**
Czech Republic	3	1	0	0	2	0	7	12	3
Switzerland	3	0	0	0	3	0	4	13	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	OT	W	OT	L	GF	GA	Pt
Russia	3	2	0	1	0	0	12	8	7
Finland	3	2	0	0	1	0	17	8	6
U.S.	3	0	2	0	1	0	14	15	4
Slovakia	3	0	0	1	2	0	9	21	1

Note: Three points awarded for a win in regulation, two for an overtime win and one for losing in overtime.

Yesterday's results

At Piestany, Slovakia

Russia 3 Finland 1

U.S. 6 Slovakia 5 (SO)

At Breclav, Czech Republic

Canada 6 Switzerland 0

Sweden 5 Czech Republic 3

Tuesday's results

At Piestany, Slovakia

Finland 10 Slovakia 2

U.S. 5 Russia 4 (OT)

At Breclav, Czech Republic

Canada 6 Czech Republic 1

Sweden 4 Switzerland 3

Thursday Games

No Games Scheduled.

PLAYOFFS

Tomorrow's games

Seventh Place

Switzerland vs. Slovakia, TBA

Fifth Place

Czech Republic vs. U.S., TBA

Semifinals

Russia vs. Canada, TBA

Sweden vs. Finland, TBA

Saturday's games

Bronze Medal

Semifinal losers. TBA

Gold Medal

Semifinal winners, TBA

TENNIS

ATP ROGERS CUP

At Montreal

Singles

First Round

Fernando Verdasco (15), Spain, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

John Isner, U.S., def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-3, 6-4.

Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Second Round

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 7-5, 6-1.

Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. **Vasek Pospisil, Vernon, B.C.,** 7-5, 6-3.

Gael Monfils (5), France, def. Alex Bogomolov, Jr., U.S., 6-2, 7-6 (5).

Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Nicolas Almagro (8), Spain, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-2, 7-6 (5).

Richard Gasquet (10), France, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-1, 6-4.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (13), France, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-3, 7-6 (1).

Stanislas Wawrinka (14), Switzerland, def. Michael Russell, U.S., 6-3, 6-2.

Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 6-7 (0), 7-6 (2), 7-6 (6).

Doubles

First Round

Andy Murray and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Erik Chvojka, Montreal, and **Pierre-Ludovic Duclos, Ste-Foy, Que.,** 6-2, 2-6, 10-7 tiebreak.

Second Round

Rohan Bopanna, India, and Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan (5), def. Paul Hanley, Australia, and Bruno Soares, Brazil, 6-4, 7-6 (6).

WTA ROGERS CUP

At Toronto

Singles

Second Round

Roberta Vinci, Italy, def. Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, 6-4, 7-5.

Li Na (6), China, def. Peng Shuai, China, walkover.

Petra Kvitova (7), Czech Republic, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Francesca Schiavone (8), Italy, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-1, 6-3.

Samantha Stosur (10), Australia, def. **Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que.,** 6-3, 6-4.

Andrea Petkovic (11), Germany, def. Greta Arn, Hungary, 6-4, 7-5.

Agnieszka Radwanska (13), Poland, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-3, 6-3.

Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 6-2, 6-4.

Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 7-5, 6-2.

Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, def. Flavia Pennetta, Italy, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Serena Williams, U.S., def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 6-1, 7-6 (7).

Doubles

First Round

Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, and Zhang Shuai, China, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Anastasia Rodionova, Australia (8), 7-5, 6-3.

Chuang Chia-jung, Taiwan, and Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Maria Kondratieva, Russia, and Sophie Lefevre, France, 6-3, 7-5.

Second Round

Nuria Llagostera Vives and Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (1), Slovenia 3-6, 6-4, 14-12 tiebreak.

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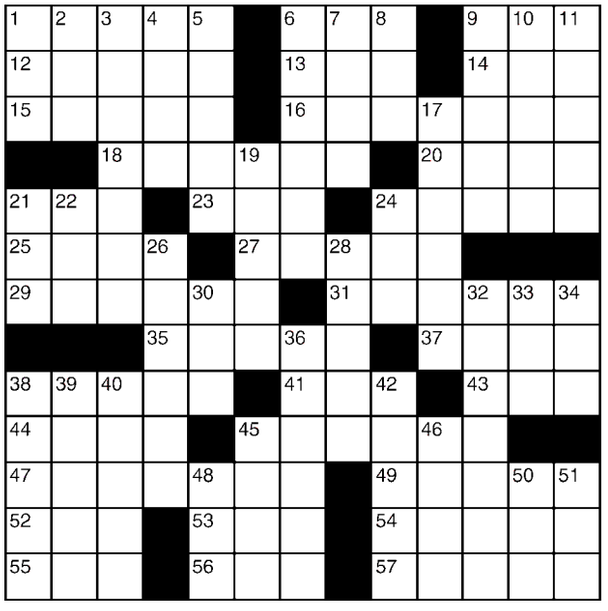

Across

1 Smells
6 Fire residue
9 Peculiar
12 Column style
13 Menagerie
14 Expert
15 Parasite sucker
16 Very convenient, as shopping
18 Drainage network
20 Sommelier's suggestion
21 Overweight
23 Hatchet
24 Shoe fasteners
25 Help a hood
27 Muslim faith
29 Leave
31 Reveal
35 Sew loosely
37 Unforeseen problem
38 Commandment verb
41 Work unit
43 Tokyo's old name
44 Skin opening
45 Fashions
47 Low-rated, as a movie
49 Different
52 "— -Tiki"
53 Japanese sash
54 Sleep soundly?
55 Geological period
56 "Of course"
57 Fully filled

Down

1 Lubricate
2 Fawn's mama
3 Ballroom dance in 2/4 time
4 Uncle Ben's product
5 Unstressed vowel symbol
6 Portuguese island group
7 Half the children
8 Weeding need
9 Vision-related
10 Hum boringly
11 Nitwits
17 Overwhelms
19 Ways out
21 Craze
22 Copper head
24 Remiss
26 "You Turned the — on Me"
28 Suspicious
30 Scoundrel
32 Having no sequel
33 Blue
34 Swelled head
36 Popular 1990s computer game
38 Put one's two cents in
39 Esteem
40 Sports venue
42 Lipstick alternative
45 "Quién —?"
46 Sicilian spouter
48 Plaything
50 Before
51 Roulette choice

▶ Yesterday's answer

D	O	D	O	■	S	O	W	■	A	T	O	P
E	P	I	C	■	A	N	A	■	S	H	I	A
M	E	N	U	■	L	E	I	■	H	I	L	T
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Sudoku

			9	2				5
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		6				3		
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8			4					
		1		5		6		7
3				1	9			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	4	7	3	5	8	9	6	1
6	1	9	4	7	2	8	3	5
5	8	3	9	1	6	2	7	4
7	5	8	6	4	9	1	2	3
9	2	4	7	3	1	5	8	6
1	3	6	2	8	5	7	4	9
3	7	5	1	2	4	6	9	8
8	6	2	5	9	3	4	1	7
4	9	1	8	6	7	3	5	2

Send a KISS

You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, online at metronews.ca/kiss.

Mitchel
Hey Babe!! I miss you like crazy and I can't wait till you come back home!! I don't know what to do with myself when you are gone :(I love you with all my heart!! **KRISTY**

Hunter
Hey,you no one but you knows who this is ,so i can say in front of the whole city "I love you " I do ,you know . Can t wait till we go to Hong Kong. **EBF**

"Muffin"
I Just wanted to let you know how special you are to me, I Adore every inch of you,Can't wait to kiss those sexy lips. Love "Pie" Xoxoxox **PIE**

ToJohn
I miss you babe. <3 Come back to me my love! **TICK**

A look at the weather

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". WEEKDAYS 6AM

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min 9° Max 23°	Min 11° Max 24°	Min 13° Max 25°

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You may be at your most confident. But you must accept that some people will not agree with your views.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Some people get emotional for the most ridiculous of reasons. Such a person will give you a hard time today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Only you can decide to continue with something you had high hopes for.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will have to be tough on people who lack your vision and passion but you must be sympathetic, too.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Follow your gut, even if it leads you in directions not everyone is happy with.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may be tempted to tell a lie to avoid a conflict but chances are you will just make matters worse.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Everyone's emotions are a little bit on edge with the approaching full moon. Strive to stay calm.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Take initiative and show people that you are the kind of individual who can be trusted to get a job done.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you want to be happy, you need to be out and about, seeing new places, meeting new people.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Try not to worry too much about your cash flow situation.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you have a bad feeling about what someone is proposing, act on it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You seem to be working harder than ever but are you working towards your objectives or those of other people? **SALLY BROMPTON**

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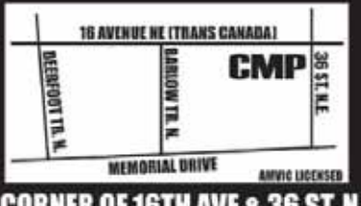

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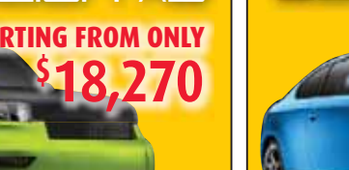

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